

Powerful Transmitters

31. **Shri Ebrahim Sulaiman Sait:**
Shri M. Rampure:
Shri Ramachandra Veerappa:
Shri N. K. Sanghi:
Shri Y. A. Prasad:

Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up two powerful transmitters for broadcast for the Middle East and East Asia;

(b) if so, the capacity and estimated cost of these transmitters; and

(c) when a final decision is likely to be taken?

The Minister of **Information and Broadcasting (Shri K. K. Shah):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total estimated cost of these two very high power transmitter projects is about Rs. 6 crores.

(c) Equipment has already been ordered and the preliminary work for construction of buildings etc. is in progress.

Military Hospitals

32. **Shri Ranjit Singh:**
Shri Hukam Chand Kachwai:
Shri Ram Singh Ayarwal:
Shri B. S. Sharma:

Will the Minister of **Defence** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the great indignation felt by Army personnel in having their women folk examined and treated by male Gynaecologists in the Military hospitals; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to post female Gynaecologists in the Military hospitals?

The Minister of **Defence (Shri Swaran Singh):** (a) No complaint in this matter has been received from any Jawan. The prejudice in this respect is dying out.

(b) There are a number of lady medical officers in the Armed Forces and a certain number of them are qualified Gynaecologists. Lady medical officers are available at most stations for such of the families who object to Gynaecological examination by male specialists. 50 per cent of Gynaecologists employed in Defence Hospitals are ladies. Suitable lady medical officers are given facilities to specialise in Gynaecology.

Indian Army

33. **Shri Madhu Limaye:**
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia:
Shri George Fernandes:
Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:

Will the Minister of **Defence** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently reviewed their policy in regard to Caste/Communal/Regional nomenclature of various army formations and units;

(b) whether Government propose to introduce kitchens in the Army on non-communal basis;

(c) whether Government propose to relax regional conditions regarding the knowledge of English in order to enable the people from the recruited sections to join the Army; and

(d) the other steps Government propose to take to make the Indian Army a real National Army?

The Minister of **Defence (Shri Swaran Singh):** (a) Since Independence, the policy of the Government is to preserve the national character of the Army. Broadly speaking, except for Infantry, the nomenclature of the various Arms and Services is in consonance with their role, for example, Armoured Corps, Regiment of Artillery, Corps of Engineers, Corps of Signals, Army Service Corps, Army Medical Corps etc. In the case of Infantry too, some of the regiments e.g. Parachute Regiment, the Brigade of