

The Prime Minister and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) A group of scientists from the Banaras Hindu University has been taking observations of Whistler Atmospheric at the High Altitude Research Laboratory, Gulmarg, since October, 1963.

(b) "Whistler Atmospheric" are repeating whistling sounds heard occasionally in a radio receiver in middle and high altitudes; because of high attenuation they are not usually audible at lower latitudes and therefore cannot be studied in most parts of India; Kashmir happens to be in a region where whistlers can be detected. The origin of whistlers is lightning discharges.

The work is of importance because it gives information about electron densities in the upper part of the Ionosphere, a region which is inaccessible to normal ionospheric sounding.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.

Calcutta Dock Labour Board

1022. { **Shri S. C. Samanta:**
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Dr. P. N. Khan:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any demand for the reconstitution of the Calcutta Dock Labour Board;

(b) if so, when and by whom; and

(c) the action, if any, taken in the matter?

The Minister of Labour and Employment (Shri D. Sanjivayya): (a) and (b). In December, 1964, the All India Port and Dock Workers' Federation raised a demand that the Calcutta Dock Labour Board should be reconstituted.

(c) The Board would be reconstituted after the latest verified mem-

bership figures of the Labour Unions of the Calcutta Docks become available.

Training of N.C.C. Cadets

1023. { **Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:**
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have devised the "Be Prepared" scheme to train the N.C.C. cadets to meet possible border threats;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) when the scheme is likely to be implemented?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): (a) to (c). The "Be Prepared" schemes have been devised to give intensive military training and training in civil defence to NCC cadets on a voluntary basis.

In May 1965, the Directorate General N. C. C. introduced a programme of imparting concentrated military training to NCC cadets on a voluntary basis for a period of 4 weeks during the summer vacation of 1965. The aim of the programme was to make the cadets physically tough and teach them basic military subjects. Training was given for 4 hours a day for six days in the week. 210 NCC officers and 28,274 cadets completed the 4 weeks' course. This scheme was named "Be Prepared".

In July 1965, the "Be Prepared II" scheme was formulated to impart training mainly in civil defence to NCC cadets on a voluntary basis. This training is given for 3 to 4 hours per day on Sundays and other holidays from July to December 1965. The scheme also envisages the formation of standing patrols for fire fighting, Rescue and First Aid from volunteers of the NCC who had gone through the "Be Prepared" schemes.