

designs and economic studies of dual-purpose, nuclear desalination and power plants have been taken up;

(b) whether India will work together with World scientists to find ways for more efficient use of the earth's water resources during the International Hydrological Decade beginning from 1965; and

(c) if so, what type of cooperation will exist among the expert scientists of different countries?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Education (Shrimati Soundaram Ramachandran):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). India is participating in the International Hydrological Decade Programme. The overall objective of the Programme is to accelerate the study of water resources and the regimen of waters with a view to their rational management in the interest of mankind, to make known the need for hydrological research and education in all countries, and to improve their ability to evaluate their resources and use them to the best advantage. Various participating countries will collect basic data relating to water in all parts of the world such as rainfall, evaporation, river-flow, underground water, floods, droughts, effect of man's intervention on water regimes etc. The UNESCO has set up a Co-ordinating Council whose main function is to coordinate the various research activities in scientific hydrology in the participating countries. A National Committee has been set up in India composed of Hydrological experts to draw up an Indian Programme vis-a-vis the International Hydrological Decade Programme. The data collected by various participating countries will be exchanged with the object of securing efficient and optimum utilization of water for the benefit of mankind.

**P. & T. Training Centre in Punjab**

**3294. Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleas-

ed to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a Post and Telegraph Regional training centre in Punjab;

(b) if so, the place selected for the purpose; and

(c) when the centre is likely to be set up?

**The Minister of State in the Department of Parliamentary Affairs and Communications (Shri Jaganatha Rao):** (a) There is a Telecommunication Training Centre at Ambala. There is no proposal to set up a Postal Training Centre in the Punjab for the present as its needs are met by the Regional Centre at Saharanpur.

(b) and (c). Question does not arise.

**Gun Factory in Punjab**

**3295. Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Punjab has approached the Central Government for establishing a gun factory in the public sector in the State; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Vidya Charan Shukla):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Postal Services in Punjab**

**3296. Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state the number of villages covered by the Postal services in Punjab till the end of December, 1965?

**The Minister of State in the Department of Parliamentary Affairs and Communications (Shri Jaganatha Rao):** All the villages in the Punjab State have the facility of delivery of mails. The position regarding the frequency of delivery service as obtaining in the

State towards the end of December, 1965 is given below:

Daily	19001
Tri-weekly	7028
Bi-weekly	3638
Weekly	1128

The Postal Services were rendered by 21 head offices, 770 departmental sub-offices, 96 extra-departmental sub-offices, 8 branch offices and 4801 extra departmental branch offices at the end of December, 1965.

#### Ministers' visits to Foreign Countries

3297. Shri Bade:

Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:  
Shri Hukam Chand  
Kachhavalaya:  
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries visited by the Cabinet Ministers, State Ministers and Deputy Ministers of the Central Government from the 15th December, 1965 to the 27th February, 1966;

(b) the expenditure involved in each case, including the foreign exchange component; and

(c) the purpose of the visit and the particulars thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs and Minister of Defence Supplies in the Ministry of Defence (Shri Hathi): (a) to (c). A statement giving the information available is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. 5994/66].

#### Migration from East Pakistan

3298. Shri P. R. Chakraverti:  
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:

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

(a) the total number of displaced

persons who reached Indian territory from East Pakistan during 1964 and 1965;

(b) the number of Christians and Buddhists who have migrated to India from East Pakistan;

(c) how far the influx of these displaced persons belonging to non-Muslim communities indicated the deep sense of insecurity of all minorities in East Pakistan; and

(d) the steps taken to facilitate the exodus of minorities from East Pakistan to save them from genocide and brutal atrocities?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Rehabilitation (Shri D. R. Chavan): (a) 8,01,509 persons have migrated from East Pakistan during 1964 and 1965.

(b) Christians	49,000
Budhists	20,000
	approximately.

(c) One of the reasons given by the migrants for coming over to India was a deep sense of insecurity in East Pakistan.

(d) The situation seems to have improve and the pace of migration has slackened. It is hoped that in the light of the Tashkent Declaration the Government of Pakistan would see that conditions are created in which the minorities in Pakistan would be able to pursue their normal avocations without fear.

#### Engineering Diplomas by USSR Universities

3299. Shri P. R. Chakraverti:  
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to recognise full diplomas in Engineering Technology awarded by the various Soviet Universities;

(b) if so, whether these will be treated at par with the Bachelor's