

forces has increased from 2,78,350 to 3,20,000 and that the combat aircraft squadrons have increased from 11 to 14. The Pakistani arms build-up has already been brought to the notice of the Hon'ble Members in the Annual Reports of the Ministry of Defence circulated to them.

(c) The increased military build-up by Pakistan has been taken into account in assessing the state of our preparedness on which our defence expenditure is based.

INQUIRY COMMITTEE ON SMALL NEWSPAPERS

6291. SHRI LOBO PRABHU : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 726 on the 26th June, 1967 and State :

(a) whether Government have since taken decisions on the remaining recommendations of the Report of the Enquiry Committee on Small Newspapers ;

(b) if so, the nature thereof ;

(c) if not, the reasons for delay in taking decisions thereon ;

(d) whether recommendation of the Committee that papers weighing 50 grams and less should pay a postage of only 1 paisa has been rejected by Government; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH) : (a) to (c) . Decisions taken on 145 recommendations made by the Committee were laid on the Table of the House as follows :

27-3-67	30 recommendations
26-6-67	81 recommendations
12-8-67	34 recommendations

(d) and (e). The posts and Telegraph Department are of the view that the concessional rates afforded in India are among the lowest in the

world and the Department is already incurring a loss of more than Rs. 2.36 crores annually on this class of postal traffic. They have regretted their inability to accept this recommendation.

FILM ON GANDHIJI'S TRIAL IN 1922

6292. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Gujarat Government have produced a film on Gandhiji's trial in 1922 ;

(b) whether the script and the commentary have had the approval of Government ; and

(c) whether Government propose to lay a copy of the text of the commentary on the Table ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir; it was not necessary.

(c) A copy of the commentary text of the film, as supplied by the Government of Gujarat, is laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT-1940/68*]

CHINESE ALLEGATION ABOUT VIOLATION OF SIKKIM-CHINA BORDER BY INDIAN TROOPS

6293. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent Peking Broadcast, timed with the Pakistan Foreign Minister's talks with the top Chinese leaders, stepping up anti-India tirade alleging that the Indian troops have violated Sikkim-China border and violated air space; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?