

(a) whether it is a fact that the issue of the Rum ordered by higher Commanders is always published in the unit Daily Routine Order for the information of Jawans;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this was not done in the 18 Punjab Regiment during the period from May, 1964 to October, 1967 ;

(c) the reasons for not publishing the same in the Daily Unit Order and in the manner in which it was used ; and

(d) who is the officer responsible for this and the action taken against him ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI SWARAN SINGH) : (a) Yes, except in the case of units located in operational areas.

(b) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Participation in Expo-70 to be held in Japan

4122. SHRI C. CHITTYBABU : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that India is taking part in the Expo-70 Fair to be held at Osaka in Japan ;

(b) how many people from India are representing our country in our Pavilion ; and

(c) the different items of interest in our Pavilion ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI RAM SEWAK) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 65.

(c) India Pavilion aims at projecting the image of emerging India against the background of its heritage of culture, arts and traditions. Some of the interesting items presented in the Pavilion are requisite specimens of handicrafts and textiles, precious and rare jewellery, original art pieces relating to Buddhism, modern paintings and sculptures and a 15 feet high model of Taj Mahal. The Industrial sector portrays a select range of modern and sophisticated machinery and products besides development of atomic energy, steel, machine tools, minerals and metals,

Jet trainer aircraft, etc. A National Restaurant, an auditorium presenting Indian dances and music, and a white tiger are the other important attractions in the Pavilion. Interesting representation of Indian village scenes a cascade and a pool are featured in front of the Pavilion against the background of white main structure of the Pavilion.

Hindi as Official Language of U.N.O.

4125. SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of people in the world who speak (i) English (ii) Russian (iii) Spanish (iv) Chinese (v) Arabic and (vi) Hindi respectively ;

(b) what are the official languages of the UNO ;

(c) whether the Government of India have asked for the acceptance of Hindi as an official language of the UNO as it is spoken by the largest number of people in the world after Chinese and English; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) According to the Hindustan Year Book the information is as follows :

(i) English 294 million.

(ii) Russian 170 million

(iii) Spanish 159 million

(iv) Chinese 645 million

(v) Arabic 83 million and

(vi) Hindi 165 million.

(Figures are approximate).

(b) Chinese, English, French, Spanish and Russian are the official languages of the UN General Assembly.

(c) and (d). No, Sir. It is difficult to get any new language included among the official languages of the UN. Any addition to the list of official languages of the UN General Assembly will require an amendment to the Rules of Procedure adopted by a majority of the members present and voting. It is not considered likely that the majority would favour introducing any changes in this regard at present.