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*1720. SHRI S. KUNDU : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to bring about reorientation and change in the mode of training in National Cadet Corps ; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposals in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI M. R. KRISHNA) : (a) and (b). The question of making NCC Senior Division training more interesting, purposeful and Defence oriented has been under consideration for some time. It has now been decided that with effect from the next academic year, some new subjects should be introduced such as Military History, Military Geography with particular reference to our country, study of the defence set-up of the country and lecturettes and discussions on Defence-oriented topics. The weapon training syllabus would include knowledge of modern weaponry in use here and in other countries. Some items of social work will also be included in the camp syllabus to vary the routine and to enable cadets to come into contact with local people.

Training given to Foreigners by the Indian Navy

*1721. SHRI CHENGALRAYA NAIDU : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Navy has been imparting training to foreigners ;

(b) if so, how many foreigners have been trained so far and from which countries and the expenditure involved in this regard ;

(c) whether these countries have suggested that an expert delegation from India should visit these countries ; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Nearly 1500 foreign personnel be-

longing to Ceylon, Malaysia, Indonesia, Ghana, Nigeria, Ethiopia and Iraq have so far been trained by the Indian Navy. Details of the expenditure involved in the training of foreigners in the Indian Navy are not readily available. The countries from where foreigners are received normally pay charges like tuition fees, cost of ammunition, Messing and Victualling charges and accommodation and allied charges at the rates prescribed by Government from time to time.

(c) and (d). Ghana, Malaysia and Iraq requested for an expert delegation from India. The request was acceded to and expert delegations visited these countries.

Secret Circular Issued by Dy. Commander-in-Chief of Naga Federal Army

*1722. SHRI HEM BARUA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Naga Federal Army has issued a secret circular to his men not to do anything till June, 1968 even in the face of extreme provocation by the Indian Army ; and

(b) if so, whether it is in any way connected with Government's decision not to further extend the suspension of operations agreement ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) The Government of India are not aware of any such circular having been issued by the Underground Nagas.

(b) Does not arise.

Chairman, Press Council

*1723. SHRI K. M. MADHUKAR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the then Chairman of the Press Council visited foreign countries in 1967 flouting against the decision of the Council ;

(b) if so, how much foreign exchange was spent on his foreign tour in 1967 ; and