

citizens of India and reside in India? I wonder what their missions are doing. Do they only distribute the bulletins sent from here, or have they got some initiative to take?

**Shri Dinesh Singh:** I mentioned earlier that we utilise the media of the local newspapers, television, radio etc. Our Ambassador in USA has given many television and radio interviews.

Reverting to the earlier question about the Moshi Conference, the views of the Governments of these countries have already been expressed and have been published in reply to the letter that was sent by the Prime Minister. On the whole, the replies from them have been favourable to us.

**Mr. Speaker:** Savitri Nigam, after Tyagi.

**Shrimati Savitri Nigam:** May I know whether the hon. Minister is aware that not only foreign Ambassadors and dignitaries, but also some Members of Parliament, have complained that our external publicity has been very weak and that some people who have been chucked out of AIR have been taken in the publicity service?

**Shri Dinesh Singh:** If the hon. Member would give me specific cases, we can look into it, but on the whole I would like to repeat that with the means at our disposal, our external publicity has not been weak at all.

#### Border Roads Organisation

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\*429. { **Shri Bis'hanchander Seth:**  
 { **Shri Hem Barua:**  
 { **Shri Ravindra Varma:**

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made by the border roads organisation on the 200-mile frontier on the Nagaland-Burma border;

(b) whether it is a fact that this organisation has started to undertake several other adjacent roads connect-

ing this road with other places in Nagaland;

(c) if so, when they are likely to be completed; and

(d) the amount of expenditure incurred thereon?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Defence (Shri D. R. Chavan):** (a) The construction of a road connecting Chakhabama with Imphal via Meluri (about 156 miles) is included in the programme of the Board. Survey and trace cutting for the road up to Meluri was sanctioned but not much progress has been possible.

(b) Other roads in Nagaland included in the programme of the Board are:—

- (i) Kohima-Chakhabama-Mokokcha,
- (ii) Mokokchang-Tuensang,
- (iii) Meluri-Tuensang.

Work in respect of the road from Kohima to Mokokchang was taken up but later suspended.

(c) The question of resumption of construction of roads by Border Roads Organisation is under consideration.

(d) The amount of expenditure committed and incurred on road schemes in Nagaland up to December 1962 is Rs. 53.14 lakhs.

**श्री बिशनचन्द्र सेठ :** मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि टस्कर प्रोजेक्ट के संबंध में जो पहले गड़बड़ हुई थी और उसके लिये एक कमेटी बैठी थी...

**अध्यक्ष महोदय :** यह प्रागे प्रा रहा है ।

**श्री बिशनचन्द्र सेठ :** इस संबंध में मैं यह कहना चाहता था कि यह इतनी महत्वपूर्ण सड़कें थीं कि उनको एक कंट्रक्टर को देने के बजाय कई लोगों को डिस्ट्रिब्यूट करना चाहिये या जिसमें कि यह काम अच्छा हो सकता ।

**Mr. Speaker:** It is a suggestion for action.

**Shri Vishram Prasad:** How much provision has been made in the Budget and what border roads are going to be constructed? How are they going to be constructed?

**The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan):** If it is a general question it is rather difficult to answer it. If it is a question arising out of this particular question I can say that certainly not very considerable progress has been made.

**Shri Vishram Prasad:** Are they constructed by contractors or departmentally?

**Shri Y. B. Chavan:** These are done by the department by the roads organisation of course.

**Shri Hem Barua:** In view of the fact that some roads built by this Tusker project organisation in NEFA are reported to have cost more than 50,000 per mile, what steps have Government taken to see that this road on the Nagaland-Burma border confines itself to the legitimate limit of expenditure?

**Shri Y. B. Chavan:** Certainly all care is being taken about it.

**Shri Ravindra Varma:** Has the Government examined the comparative cost of construction of roads by the Border Roads Organisation and by the other road construction agencies such as the CPWD, Army personnel and if so, is it true that the cost of construction of roads by this Organisation, especially Tusker, is incredibly in-ordinate?

**Shri Y. B. Chavan:** As a result of an enquiry instituted about the working of the Tusker organisation, some technical team is going into these aspects of the problem.

**Shri Basumatari:** Since the complaint has been made against Tusker for not doing its work properly, may I know whether the Government has any view just to change from Tusker to other contractors?

**Shri Y. B. Chavan:** Tusker is not a company; it is the name given to the Chief Engineer's task force working in NEFA. We are now dealing in this question about the roads in Nagaland.

**श्री भक्त दर्शन :** श्रीमन्, इस सीमावर्ती सड़क संगठन ने नागालैंड में कुल कितने मील लम्बी सड़कें बनाने का निश्चय किया था, कितनी सड़कें अब तक बनी हैं और शेष को बनाने के लिये कौन से खास कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं ?

**Shri Y. B. Chavan:** I think this is a general question and I will have to ask for a specific question on this.

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श्री म० ला० द्विवेदी :  
श्रीमती सावित्री निगम :  
श्री स० चं० सामन्त :  
श्री हरि विष्णु कामत :  
श्री विद्याचरण शुक्ल :  
श्री रघुनाथ सिंह :  
श्री बेरवा कोटा :  
श्री बड़े :

क्या प्रतिरक्षा मंत्री २१ जनवरी, १९६३ के अतारंकित प्रश्न संख्या ९१२ के उत्तर के संबंध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या स्थल सेनाध्यक्ष नेफा की लड़ाई के बारे में जो जांच कर रहे थे वह पूरी हो गई है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो जांच के क्या निष्कर्ष निकले ?

प्रतिरक्षा मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री वा० रा० षट्हाण) : (क) नेफा की लड़ाई के संबंध में हो रही जांच अभी प्रगतिशील है ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।