

Ahmedabad was to enable Indian Scientists interested in problems of space research to meet workers in the field from other countries like U.S.A. and U.K. and discuss problems, which it would be worthwhile and practicable to undertake in the near future at various institutions in the country, including the Equatorial Sounding Rocket Launching Site, which is being set up at Thumba, near Trivandrum. The Seminar discussed the possibility of undertaking satellite based studies, sounding rocket studies and studies in the development of small sounding rockets and the experiments that could be conducted in these fields.

Indian Army Personnel in Congo

*978. **Shri Yajnik:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any report from the United Nations about the performance of the Indian Army units that served recently in Congo; and

(b) whether any promotions or rewards are being given to individuals or units who have distinguished themselves during their service in Congo?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): (a) Yes, Sir. The Secretary General, United Nations has highly commended the performance of our Contingent in the Congo.

(b) For acts of gallantry and distinguished service performed by our personnel in operations in the Congo, individuals have been awarded appropriate decorations, some of which also carry monetary allowances and lump-sum cash grants. Military units, as such, have not been given any awards.

Promotions are made under normal rules and as such no promotion has been made specifically for distinguished service rendered in the Congo operations.

Rehabilitation of Evacuees in NEFA

*983. **Shri Maheswar Naik:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether with the restoration of civil administration in NEFA, all the

evacuees from NEFA have moved back to their hearths and homes;

(b) if not, how many of them have yet to be moved back; and

(c) in what way those evacuees who have gone back have been rehabilitated?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri D. Ering): (a) Yes. All NEFA evacuees from the various camps have returned to their villages.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Rs. 1,93,000 have been spent on rehabilitation measures quite apart from any expenditure incurred in the camps in Assam. Rehabilitation measures in NEFA include distribution of foods, utensils and clothing and, in deserving cases, cash grants for reconstruction of houses. Agricultural seeds, livestock and craft materials are also being supplied.

Accident in Jamuna Colliery

*984. **Shri Indrajit Gupta:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state the action taken on the recommendations of the Additional Chief Inspector of Mines made in his report on the accident in the Jamuna Colliery in Madhya Pradesh on the 15th February, 1963?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Labour and Employment (Shri R. K. Malviya): As recommended by the Additional Chief Inspector of Mines, action is being taken for institution of criminal proceedings against the Agent of the Colliery.

U.N. Peace keeping Operations

*985. **Shri Maheswar Naik:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether India along with six other countries has submitted a memorandum to the working group appointed by the U.N. General Assembly on arrears of contributions from Member Nations;

(b) if so, the steps suggested for the realisation of the arrears; and