

been supplied. May I know whether this was in wheat or a demand was made by the State Government that some other cereals should be supplied instead of wheat?

**Shri C. Subramaniam:** This is with reference to wheat and rice. As far as Madhya Pradesh is concerned, it is only wheat.

**Dr. Ranen Sen:** The hon. Minister just now stated that excepting certain States, the food situation was improving in the rest of the country. Is it not a fact that in certain States in Eastern India, like West Bengal, the price of rice is very high due to the fact that scarcity still continues there?

**Shri C. Subramaniam:** There, large-scale controlled distribution under controlled prices is taking place, and I do not think there is scarcity in West Bengal now.

## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

### Peace Talks with Nagas

**Shri Hem Barua:**  
**Shri Bagri:**  
**Shri Vishram Prasad:**  
**Shri Rameshwar Tantia:**  
**Shri P. C. Borooah:**  
**Shri Surendra Pal Singh:**  
**Shri R. G. Dubey:**  
**Shri Yashpal Singh:**  
**Shri Bibhuti Mishra:**  
**Shri K. N. Tiwary:**  
**Shri D. C. Sharma:**  
**\*1. Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:**  
**Shri Jagdev Singh**  
**Siddhanti:**  
**Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:**  
**Shri S. M. Banerjee:**  
**Shri Daji:**  
**Shri P. R. Chakraverti:**  
**Shri P. K. Deo:**  
**Shri Solanki:**  
**Shri Gulshan:**  
**Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:**  
**Shri S. N. Chaturvedi:**

**Shri Shree Narayan Das:**  
**Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:**  
**Shri D. D. Puri:**  
**Shri C. K. Bhattacharyya:**  
**Shri Bishwanath Roy:**  
**Shri Brajeshwar Prasad:**  
**Shri Surendranath Dwivedy:**  
**Shrimati Vimla Devi:**  
**Shri R. Barua:**  
**Shri Kolla Venkaiah:**  
**Shri Kajrolkar:**  
**Shrimati Ramdulhari Sinha:**  
**Shri Y. S. Chaudhary:**  
**Shri H. C. Soy:**  
**Shri Naval Prabhakar:**  
**Shri Hukam Chand**  
**Kachhavaia:**  
**Shri Sham Lal Saraf:**  
**Shri Sivamurthi Swamy:**  
**Shri Gokulananda Mohanty:**  
**Shri Rama Chandra Mallick:**  
**Shrimati Renuka Barkataki:**  
**Shri R. S. Pandey:**  
**Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:**  
**Shri M. Rampure:**  
**Shri D. D. Mantri:**

Will the Minister of **External Affairs** be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the peace talks between Naga Hostiles and Government representatives at Kohima;

(b) whether it is a fact that the representatives of the Naga Hostiles objected to the presence of Mr. Shilo Ao, Nagaland Chief Minister, at the Conference table and if so, how was the matter settled; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Naga Hostiles have demanded the extension of the period of suspension of operations, as long as possible and if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

**The Minister of External Affairs (Shri Swaran Singh):** (a) The talks are still going on and have not reached a definitive stage.

(b) Initially, the underground delegates objected to the presence of

Mr. Shilu Ao at the Conference table but the Indian Delegation drew their attention to the fact that, in the correspondence leading to the suspension of operations, it had been specifically stated that "the Government of India ..... will depute representatives, with whom will be associated the representatives of the Government of Nagaland, to take part in the talks.." The Indian Delegation insisted on this condition being fulfilled and the underground leaders accepted that position.

(c) An extension of the period of suspension of operations was suggested by the Peace Mission and accepted by the Government of India.

#### Expert Committee for All India Radio

- \*2. { Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:  
Shri Jagdev Singh  
Siddhanti:  
Shri Hem Barua:  
Shri Yashpal Singh:  
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:  
Shri Himatsingka:  
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:  
Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:  
Shri Y. S. Chaudhary:  
Shri D. D. Mantri:  
Shri Sivamurthi Swamy:

Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 151 on the 14th September, 1964 and state:

(a) whether the proposed expert committee for the purpose of streamlining the work of All India Radio has been appointed;

(b) if so, the composition of the Committee and its terms of reference; and

(c) when this Committee is likely to submit its report?

**The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shrimati Indira Gandhi):** (a) to (c). The composition, terms of reference and the tenure of the Committee are being finalised and it is expected to be appointed very shortly. It will go into the working of the various Media Units of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, including the All India Radio, and is expected to submit an interim report, within six months.

#### Prime Minister's Talks with Pakistan President

- Shri Yashpal Singh:  
Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:  
Shri P. C. Borooah:  
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:  
Shri Jagdev Singh  
Siddhanti:  
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:  
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:  
Shri S. C. Samanta:  
Shri Subodh Hansda:  
Shri Bagri:  
Shri Vishram Prasad:  
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:  
Shri K. N. Tiwary:  
Shri Daljit Singh:  
Shri P. K. Deo:  
Shri Solanki:  
Shri S. M. Banerjee:  
Shri D. D. Puri:  
Shri Tridib Kumar  
Chaudhuri:  
Shri S. N. Chaturvedi:  
Shri M. N. Swamy:  
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Shri Gulshan:  
Shri H. C. Soy:  
Shri Hem Raj:  
Shri Jai Bahadur Singh:  
Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:

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