

Arrest of Naga Rebels Leaders

*1384. **Shri S. M. Banerjee:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether some important Naga rebels leaders have recently been arrested;

(b) if so, their number;

(c) whether they have been interrogated; and

(d) if so, with what results?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri D. Ering): (a) and (b). Yes Sir. Three hostile leaders have been arrested in the second week of May, 1962.

(c) Yes.

(d) It would not be in the public interest to disclose details of the interrogation.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: Since all the hostile leaders have been arrested, may I know whether they disclosed anything relating to the activities of Mr. Phizo in Pakistan or of the leaders whom he met in Pakistan?

Shri D. Ering: As I have just stated, it is not in the public interest to disclose it.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: What is the public interest involved? I do not want to know what questions were put to them. I only want to know whether something has been known about the activities of Mr. Phizo.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member does not want to know the questions put but only the answers given by them.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: I want to know whether they disclosed anything.

Mr. Speaker: It is rather peculiar that the hon. Member should ask for that. The Parliamentary Secretary has said that it is not in the public interest to disclose what took place in the interrogation.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: I do not want to know about anything else. I only

want to know whether Mr. Phizo's activities were known to them.

Mr. Speaker: That too would be part of that.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: May I know whether Pakistan is involved in the activities of the Naga hostiles in those areas?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): It is the same question again.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member does not want to know anything that might have come out of those interrogations, but independently he wants to know whether Pakistan is involved in these activities.

Shri D. Ering: We do not know anything about that.

Shri Hem Barua: May I know whether any clue to the sources from which arms and ammunitions are obtained by the Naga hostiles could be established through this interview?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): The arms and ammunitions recovered were, I believe, chiefly from Indian sources.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Is Government in possession of any information as to whether these Naga hostiles are in contact directly with the Chinese communist across the border or have no information or indication to that effect.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: No, we have no information or indication to that effect.

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