

**Shri Nagharammah:** May I submit that this is an entirely different question? If my hon. friend wants information on that, he may ask a separate question, and I shall furnish all the information.

#### Library of Department of Archaeology

+

\*1737. { **Shri M. B. Thakore:**  
**Shri Warior:**

Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Library of the Department of Archaeology will continue to remain in New Delhi even after the Department of Archaeology is shifted from New Delhi; and

(b) if no decision has been taken so far, the time by which final decision is expected to be taken?

**The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir):** (a) and (b). The matter is under consideration and a decision will be taken as soon as possible.

**Shri M. B. Thakore:** May I know whether Government are aware that the shifting of this library has created a great resentment among various research scholars and foreigners who use the library every now and then?

**Shri Humayun Kabir:** Government are aware of the very strong feelings that this library should not be removed, and that is why the matter is under consideration.

#### Himalayan Expedition

+

\*1738. { **Shri Bhakt Darshan:**  
**Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:**

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Indian Himalayan expedition to

Cho-oyu Peak of the Himalayas has been recently sponsored;

(b) whether the Government of India have been approached for permission for the proposed assault;

(c) if so, whether the permission has been given;

(d) the detailed composition of the expedition team; and

(e) the nature of assistance, financial or otherwise given to the team by the Government?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Defence (Shri Fatehsingh-  
rao Gaekwad):** (a) Yes, an unofficial expedition.

(b) to (e). A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 120.]

**श्री भक्त दर्शन:** विवरण से ज्ञात होता है कि इस दल को नेपाल सरकार की धोर से अनुमति मिल गयी है। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या नेपाल सरकार इस बारे में कुछ धोर सहायता भी दे रही है ?

**The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia):** The Ministry is not aware of any other help given by the Nepal Government, because that is a separate Government not subservient to the Government of India in any way.

**श्री भक्त दर्शन:** विवरण से ज्ञात होता है कि भारत सरकार के सभी मंत्रालय इस दल की मदद कर रहे हैं। यह बड़ी सुन्दर बात है। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या प्रति वर्ष इस प्रकार के दलों को भेजने का विचार किया जा रहा है ?

**Sardar Majithia:** This is a school which is entirely independent, and whenever it approaches the Ministry for help, it certainly is given help. But the programme is entirely dependent upon this Institute.

**Shri Hem Barua:** May I know if this team of expedition to this Himalayan peak underwent any training in any international mountaineering club?

**Sardar Majithia:** I am not aware of their having gone for any international training. But they certainly have gone through the training classes in this Institute which is run by very eminent instructors, including the famous Sherpa who climbed the highest mountain in the world.

श्री भक्त बरुआ : यह जो सोमो-वर्षत है, वह एवरेस्ट के नजदीक है। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या मगल वर्ष या कुछ वर्षों के बाद एवरेस्ट पर भी चढ़ने का प्रयत्न किया जायगा ?

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. Member has already asked whether they are going to have it as an annual feature. He is asking the same thing in another form.

**Shrimati Renu Chakravarty:** Are Government associating others, such as the Geological Department, specialists in botany etc. which would make this expedition of use for various departments of Government?

**Sardar Majithia:** As I have said already, these expeditions are organised under the aegis of the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute. It is up to them to make such arrangements. If they or anyone else want any help, it will certainly be given to them.

**Shri Tangamani:** We find that for this expedition as much as Rs. 60,000 have been set apart and Ministries like Railways and Information & Broadcasting have rendered help. May I know whether the expedition has completed the trip and submitted any report?

**Sardar Majithia:** No, I think the expedition is going to start in two days' time.

#### Accounts with Foreign Banks

\*1742. { **Shri Ghosal:**  
**Shri F. E. Patel:**

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any provisions permitting the Indian nationals to open accounts with foreign Banks outside India;

(b) if so, what are those provisions;

(c) how many Indians have accounts in such foreign banks; and

(d) what is the total amount of deposits?

**The Deputy Minister of Finance. (Shri B. E. Bhagat):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Students, trainees and persons going for medical treatment and others proceeding to foreign countries for approved purposes are allowed to open accounts with banks in the countries to which they are proceeding with the amount of exchange sanctioned to them. But all such accounts have to be closed when they return to India and the un-utilized balance, if any, has to be repatriated to India.

(c) and (d). Statistics of these accounts are not maintained by the Reserve Bank of India because these accounts are opened under a general permission. Information on parts (c) and (d) of the Question is not therefore available.

**Shri Ghosal:** May I know which are the countries where the major portion of these accounts are opened?

**Shri B. E. Bhagat:** Mainly UK; some accounts are also in USA and some of our neighbouring countries, like the Middle East countries, with which we have business.

**Shri F. E. Patel:** May I know how many Indian nationals have managed to have their accounts—big accounts—in foreign banks outside India?

**Shri B. E. Bhagat:** They may be legal accounts.