

**Publication of Northern India
Amrit Bazar Patrika**

*1269. { Shri Nath Pai:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Tangamani:

Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the newspaper called Northern India Amrit Bazar Patrika was published without registration; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken in the matter?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) and (b). The Northern India Amrit Bazar Patrika was published without an authenticated declaration. Action is being taken against the paper by the State Government under the relevant provisions of the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867.

U.S. Military Bases in Pakistan

*1270. Shri Panigrahi: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent publication of a map in the Sunday Times, a leading London Newspaper, showing the existence of U.S. Military bases in West Pakistan, have been brought to the notice of Government;

(b) if so, whether Government has brought to the notice of the U.S.A. Government the potential danger of the existence of military bases, on India's frontier, not very far from Kashmir; and

(c) whether the Government of India has received any intimation from the U.S.A. Government to this effect?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): (a) Yes, Sir. The map shows three U.S. air bases in West Pakistan—one near Karachi, another in the North-West Frontier Province, and a third

possibly somewhere in the Punjab (Pakistan).

(b) and (c). The U.S. Ambassador has sent a communication to the Ministry of External Affairs which states:

"Despite public clarification by my Government, there seems still to be a misapprehension current regarding the nature of an American communications facility in Pakistan. I wish, therefore, to recall to you, as of possible interest to your Government, that the United States Government has publicly stated that this facility is part of a world-wide communications system. It is not a missile base, and I am authorised to deny categorically that the United States Government has any missile base or bases in Pakistan".

Exhibition of Film "Gulab ka Phool"

*1271. Ch. Brahm Prakash: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether any instructions had been issued to Delhi Administration asking them to see that school children are shown 'Gulab ka Phool' produced by Children Film Society which is under the control of his Ministry; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. B. V. Keskar): (a) and (b). The Children's Film Society arranges for the distribution of the films it produces. Government does not arrange for their distribution.

East African Cultural Group

*1272. { Shri H. N. Mukerjee:
Shrimati Renu Chakravartty
Shri S. M. Banerjee:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether a so-called East African Cultural Group, sponsored by certain