

a local incident near Sudhpura, a Kashmir village on Indian side in Tootwal sector on cease-fire line, was fired upon by Pakistani troops with light machine guns a few days ago;

(b) if so, the full details of the incident; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government of India in regard thereto?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon):

(a) and (b). On March 25, 1959 at 11.00 hours, U.N. military observers were moving forward towards the cease-fire line and the pre-arranged rendezvous for a joint investigation of complaints in the Sudhpura village. They were displaying in full view the U.N. white flag. Suddenly L.M.G. fire came from the Pakistan side of the cease-fire line, directed in the area where they were walking. The military observers were forced to take cover.

(c) The military observers themselves lodged a complaint with the U.N. Chief Military Observer who has closed the case with an award of Violation against Pakistan.

Rare Earth Plant, Alwaye

*2066. { Shri Maniyangadan:
Shri Kuttikrishnan Nair:
Shri Nallakoya:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Tangamani:
Shri V. P. Nayar:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rare Earth Plant at Alwaye in Kerala State has been closed down by the Management since 3rd April, 1959;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the closure; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to reopen the factory?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon):

(a) Yes.

(b) and (c). A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 46].

Employment Bureau at Delhi University

*2067. { Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Pangarkar:
Shrimati Ha Palchoudhuri:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 386 on the 29th November, 1958 and state:

(a) whether an employment bureau at Delhi University has since been started;

(b) if so, the main functions thereof; and

(c) the nature and quantum of assistance if any which Government would give to the bureau?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) Yes.

(b) These Bureaux will be part of the employment service and provide an agency through which employment counselling can be given to university students and make available to them all literature and information relating to careers, employment opportunities, competitive examinations etc.

(c) The estimated expenditure during 1959-60 will come to Rs. 10,500 which will be entirely borne by the Central Government.

Kashmir

*2068. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has asked its representative in the United Nations to draw the attention of the Security Council to the