

राज्य सरकार से प्रार्थना की है कि वे इस ब्रह्मदा को प्रमल में लाने के लिये प्रागे कार्रवाई करे ।

(घ) और (ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

#### Excise Duty on Khandsari

\*1152. **Shri Ram Saran:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to levy a compound excise duty on Khandsari sugar as announced in the early part of this year; and

(b) how much money has been realised as excise duty on Khandsari sugar during 1959?

**The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha):** (a) The proposal of introducing a compounded levy scheme on the Khandsari sugar is still under Government's examination;

(b) the total excise duty (gross) collected on Khandsari sugar during the year 1959 upto November, 1959 is Rs. 7,38,000.

#### Loan from U.S.A.

\*1153. **Shri P. G. Deb:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has requested U.S.A. for a loan of 190 million from current year appropriation of 550 million dollars;

(b) if so, the reasons for the same; and

(c) the results of that request?

**The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai):** (a) Even before the United States Congress appropriated \$ 550 million to the Development Loan Fund, certain programmes and projects to be financed out of the current year's appropriation have been under discussion. The programmes and projects and the estimated costs are being modified during discussions and it is not practicable to name any figure as a definite request.

(b) To secure foreign exchange for the implementation of the schemes in the Five Year Plan.

(c) Negotiations are still continuing.

#### Naga Hostiles

\*1154. { **Shrimati Mafida Ahmed:**  
**Shri Panigrahi:**  
**Shri P. C. Borooah:**

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that 17 members of Army Ambulance Unit were ambushed recently by naga hostiles near Tuensang; and

(b) if so, details thereof?

**The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon):** (a) No such incident took place.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Oil Exploration at Sibsagar

\*1155. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) the up-to-date progress made so far in the exploration of Oil in Longsai at Sibsagar in Assam; and

(b) the amount spent so far and how long the work will continue?

**The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** (a) Seismic exploration in the Longsai area, Sibsagar, was completed by April, 1958. A deep test well at Dasangmukh has been drilled down to a depth of 3811 metres, at which depth crystalline rocks were struck. The entire depth of the well has been electrologged, and certain intervals have been selected for testing. The testing work will be carried out in the near future.

(b) As the accounts are not maintained project-wise, only approximate figures can be given. These are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha. Exploration work is likely to continue during the Third Five Year Plan period.