

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) to (c). No special scheme for providing free education for the handicapped has been drawn up.

Applications for Naturalisation by Chinese Nationals

*1175. **Shri P. G. Deb:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether many Chinese nationals in Calcutta have applied for naturalisation certificates;

(b) if so, how many have applied for the same since October, 1959; and

(c) how many have been granted the said certificates?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri G. B. Pant): (a) Information is being collected from the State Government;

(b) Government of India have received only three applications;

(c) The applications are under consideration.

Raid by Naga Hostiles

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 Shri P. C. Borooah:
 Shri P. G. Deb:
 Shri Hem Barua:
 Shrimati Mafida Ahmed
 Shri S. A. Mehdi:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Naga hostiles raided Bazalkata, Nanginijuri and Raidangathengalagaon villages on the night of 9th December, 1959, 30 miles from Jorhat;

(b) if so, the full details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to prevent such occurrences in future?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri G. B. Pant): (a) to (c). On the night of 9th December, 1959 about 20 hostile Nagas wearing olive green uni-

forms and armed with rifles and guns raided Bajalcata, Nagunijurithangalagaon and Naga Bastethangalgaon in the jurisdiction of Titahar Police Station in the Sibsagar District of Assam and took away 2 S.B.B.L. guns, 45 cartridges, clothes, ornaments and cash amounting to Rs. 6,130. Village defence parties are being organised and patrolling has been intensified.

State Bank of India Branches

1899. {
 Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
 Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state the total number of branches of the State Bank of India opened so far in Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Rajasthan, separately?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): Since its inception on the 1st July, 1955, the State Bank of India has opened 22 branches in Punjab and 2 each in Himachal Pradesh and Rajasthan upto the end of November, 1959.

Visit of Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes to Bombay

1900. **Shri Pangarkar:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) how many times the Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes visited Bombay during 1959 so far; and

(b) the places visited by him in the State?

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shrimati Alva): (a) Eight Times.

(b) Dohad, Jhalod, Kushalgarh, Badwas Loharia, Sajjangerh, Godhra, Karoli, Vajalpur, Rameshra, Baroda, Surat, Bombay, Nagpur, Dahanu Road, Mokhada, Washale, Kortad, Jawahar, Talwada, Kainad, Bordi, Gholvad,