

on account of the cold wave. It is very strange that this piece of information is not available with the Government. It is surprising indeed.

**Shri Datar:** Generally in the register of deaths some disease or some ailment is mentioned. Cold wave is not generally mentioned. If the whole thing has to be seen, it will take a lot of time and involve a lot of trouble .... (*Interruptions.*)

**Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** I find the hon. Members laughing. Is it a matter to be laughed at?

**Shri H. N. Mukerjee:** There were newspaper reports circulated in all parts of the country regarding deaths which took place in Delhi on account of the cold wave. If the Government thinks that it was a mis-statement by the journalists concerned, why did not the Government issue a statement? Why do they take shelter under the kind of plea which the hon. Home Minister is putting forward?

**Shri Datar:** I am confining myself to the information supplied to the extent possible by the Delhi Municipal Corporation. They find that it will take a long time to go through all the death registers and find out exactly as to how many of the deaths entered were due to the cold wave? (*Interruptions.*)

**Shri H. N. Mukerjee:** Are we to understand that the Union Territory Administration shuts its eyes and ears in regard to this question as if it is nothing at all?

**The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):** I agree that the Delhi Administration should be able to find out the figures and I hope they will do so now. We have already instructed them.

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

##### Missing Army Officer in Katanga

\*103. **Shri P. G. Deb:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether missing Indian Army Officer working with U.N. has been located in Katanga; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**The Deputy Minister of Defence (Shri K. Raghuramaiah):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

##### Super-Constellations from Air India International

\*104. **Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Defence have acquired from the Air India International a fleet of Super-Constellations; and

(b) if so, the details of the deal?

**The Deputy Minister of Defence (Shri K. Raghuramaiah):** (a) and (b): The Ministry of Defence are negotiating with Air India International the purchase of their entire fleet of Super Constellations along with their spares and connected equipment. The formal agreement is expected to be signed shortly after which details of the deal will be given.

##### Indian Aircraft with U.N. in Congo

\*105. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a United Nations Indian Aircraft ran into a gun fire from Congolese troops and was damaged on or about the 20th January, 1962;

(b) if so, what were the details of the circumstances in which the accident occurred; and

(c) what was the extent of damage suffered?

**The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Surjit Singh Majithia):** (a) Yes, Sir.