

(b) if so, whether the digging operations of that Nullah have been stopped because of those obstacles; and

(c) what action Government propose to take with regard to completing the digging operations?

The Prime Minister (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) to (c). The Pakistan Border Police are reported to have put obstacles in the way of the survey work for the Hudiara Nullah, but under Police protection, the work has been progressing satisfactorily.

लान्स-नायक आत्मा सिंह की हत्या

*१९८१. श्री रघुनाथ सिंह: क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या यह तथ्य है कि २३ मार्च, १९५३ को लान्स-नायक आत्मा सिंह, बार्डर स्काउट की हत्या पाकिस्तानी सिपाहियों द्वारा भिखीवेन्द और खेमकरण के नजदीक की गई, और यदि हाँ, तो हत्या का क्या उद्देश्य था ?

The Prime Minister (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): Lance-Naik Atma Ram of the Border Scouts lost his way while proceeding to the Khem Karan Border Picket on the night of the 21st March 1953 and strayed into Pakistani territory. He was shot dead by a patrol party of the Pakistan Border Police.

MR. JOSEPH MORAMBI'S TOUR OF INDIA

*1982. Shri Buchhikotalah: (a) Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Mr. Joseph Morambi, African leader, recently toured our country?

(b) What are the main purposes of his tour?

(c) Did he submit any memorandum to our Government stating the atrocities committed by Europeans in Kenya?

The Prime Minister (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) Mr. Joseph Murumbi, Secretary General of the Kenya African Union, has been in India for some weeks and is still here.

(b) The Government are not aware of the main purposes of his tour. Mr. Murumbi is on a private visit to India, not connected with the Government. He has expressed a desire to study the organisation of cooperatives and community projects in India from the point

of view of dealing with the land problem in Kenya. He has also spoken about the present conditions in Kenya.

(c) No.

PASSPORTS TO PAKISTAN

*1983. Prof. D. C. Sharma: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) how many persons from Punjab (I) have applied for the grant of passport, to visit Western Pakistan since the introduction of passport system;

(b) how many of them were refused passport and why; and

(c) how much time it generally takes to secure passport for Pakistan in Punjab (I)?

The Prime Minister (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) 900.

(b) 15.

As has been repeatedly explained, applications for passports are considered on their individual merits. If it is considered that the grant of a passport to any individual is not in the public interest it is refused.

(c) Normally one month; in urgency, about 3 days.

POWER ALCOHOL FROM SUGAR-CANE BAGASSE

*1984. Sardar A. S. Saigal: (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether power alcohol is produced from sugar-cane bagasse?

(b) Is it a fact that the experiment carried out by National Physical Laboratory has shown that power alcohol can be produced by sugar-cane?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) and (b). Power Alcohol can be produced from sugar-cane bagasse. No experiment has, however, been carried out in this regard at the National Physical Laboratory.

VISAS FOR BUSINESSMEN

*1985. Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the businessmen who go to Pakistan have to stay at one place for three months because Category 'C' visas are granted to them; and