

**Shri B. S. Murthy:** May I know, Sir, apart from the precautions as to the fitness of the plane, whether the fitness of the pilot officer is taken note of?

**Shri Satish Chandra:** Sir, our pilots are very well trained. They are much better trained than civilian aircraft pilots.

**Shri B. S. Murthy:** My question is this: whether in this particular case the pilot was in a fit condition to take the plane?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** Please await the report.

**Shri G. S. Singh:** Was this aircraft on a training flight or was it on some particular mission?

**The Prime Minister (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** The House will appreciate that nobody is more interested in the safety and security of pilots than the pilots, the Air Force and the Defence Ministry. They are interested in their own safety, and the Defence Ministry, of course, is very much interested. And because of these one or two accidents in these eastern hills, not only a normal enquiry will be made, but very special enquiries are made. This is a difficult terrain. I had flown there myself. There one cannot fly too high; one has to fly low and in between the clouds. As far as I remember, these flights were for air-dropping supplies.

#### RE-ORGANISATION AND REVISED SCALES OF PAY IN TRIPURA

\*954. **Shri Biren Dutt:** Will the Minister of States be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State employees of Tripura will get reduced scales of pay according to the State Employees Re-organisation Scheme; and

(b) whether their association has made a representation not to implement this Re-organisation Scheme?

**The Minister of Home Affairs and States (Dr. Katju):** (a) No.

(b) No representation of the kind has come to notice.

**Shri Nanadas:** Is it a fact, Sir, that by the introduction of the reorganisation the annual increment of some of the State employees will be reduced from Re. 1/- to -4/-?

**Dr. Katju:** I want notice of that question.

#### RAIN RESEARCH UNIT

\*958. **Shri Buchhikotaiah:** (a) Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state

whether it is a fact that Government are considering the establishment of a "Rain Research Unit" in Delhi?

(b) If so, what will be the main functions of the Unit?

**The Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** (a) A proposal to establish a Rain Research Unit at Delhi is under the consideration of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research.

(b) The functions of the Unit will be conduct of research and planned experiments on the seeding of clouds, observation of subsequent behaviour of such seeded clouds and detailed assessment of the results of seeding experiments.

**Shri Buchhikotaiah:** May I know whether the Government has any intention of establishing similar Rain Units in other parts of the country?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** Not yet, Sir.

**Shri Raghuramaiah:** May I know whether the researches carried out in other parts regarding rain are encouraging for the establishment of these Units?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** The experiments so far carried out in other parts of the world are still in an experimental stage; they are not to our satisfaction.

**Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:** May I know whether the research that has been carried out in Yadhavpur will be taken advantage of and whether this research Unit is going to continue on the basis of the findings of that Unit?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** The experiments that were carried out in Bengal by Dr. Banerjee have also been taken into consideration and he is also included in all these works.

**Shri B. S. Murthy:** Is the Government aware, Sir, that in Germany artificial rain is being given for vast areas?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** The hon. Member is giving information.

**Shri G. S. Singh:** Has any practical experiment been carried out?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** We have not yet established the Unit, Sir, although in the past some attempt at practical work was done in this connection.