

(d) whether Government have already given or propose to give any assistance to the affected areas?

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) Yes.

(b) Intensity of shocks varied from place to place. It was greatest at the place of origin viz. South Manipur near Assam—Burma border. Duration also varied from 30 seconds to 3 minutes at different places. Shocks were felt over the States of Assam, Manipur, Tripura, West Bengal, Bihar, Orissa and East Pakistan, comprising an area of nearly 250 thousand square miles.

(c) No casualties or serious damage to property have been reported.

(d) No request for any assistance has so far been received by the Government of India.

Shri L. Jogeshwar Singh: The epicentre is stated to be Manipur and South Burma. May I know whether the Government have made further enquiries about this?

Shri Datar: Government have received this information from the States concerned. It is all that the Government have before them.

Shri Amjad Ali: With regard to part (b), may I know whether the seismic region extended right up to near the Himalayas?

Shri Datar: It is likely to be; I cannot say with any authority at this stage.

Shri Amjad Ali: Does it correspond with the same place or area as it occurred in the great earthquake of 1950?

Shri Datar: We shall make enquiries.

Shri L. Jogeshwar Singh: May I know whether there is any apprehension of volcanic eruptions in these areas?

The Prime Minister (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): This is well-known to be an area occasionally subject to earthquakes and internal happenings, under

the earth's surface. If the hon. Member wants detailed information about this, Government can perhaps put up a paper. It will be a complicated one and of the nature of a scientific document.

UPLIFT OF SCHEDULED TRIBES

*1826. **Shri Y. M. Mukne:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state the total amount granted to the Bombay State for the uplift of Scheduled Tribes and development of Scheduled areas for 1953-54 and the major items under which it was to be spent?

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): A sum of Rs. 12.75 lakhs was granted to the Government of Bombay to be spent mainly on Educational and Economic development Schemes and provision of medical facilities.

Shri Y. M. Mukne: Is it true that the sum of Rs. 12 lakhs that the hon. Minister referred to is only spent on social welfare and educational schemes and that no major schemes are contemplated for the improvement of the tribal areas of Bombay State?

Shri Datar: We have not yet received the details of the way in which the amounts have been spent.

Shri Muniswamy: May I know whether any special grant was given to any of the States during 1953-54 and if so, under what circumstances are such grants made?

Shri Datar: This is a grant made available for the Scheduled Tribes in the scheduled areas and the Government of Bombay was given Rs. 75,000 more than what had been originally settled.

PHYSICAL TRAINING IN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

*1827. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the experiment of giving mass Physical Training Drill