

this respect to locate the steel plant at Sindri or near about?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: Yes, Sir.

Shri Joachim Alva: Has the Government come to any conclusion as to what advantages the country will get if it is the British plant or the German plant or the Soviet plant?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: The Government is not in a position to evaluate the relative advantages or disadvantages as between these three plants.

Shri B. N. Misra: As the hon. Minister has said that there are three prospective sites which have been recommended, may I know which are these three prospective sites?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: He did not say so. He said he is not able to assess the relative merits of the British, the Russian and the German steel plants.

CYCLONE OVER MANIPUR

S.N.Q. No. 18. Shri Rishang Keishing: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a devastating cyclone swept over Manipur on the 29th April, 1955 causing extensive damage;

(b) if so, the extent of damage caused both in the hills and plains as a result thereof;

(c) the area affected by the cyclone; and

(d) the relief measures proposed and undertaken by Government?

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): There was a hailstorm of more than usual intensity but of short duration in and around Imphal on the afternoon of the 29th April, 1955. Some trees were uprooted and houses damaged. There was also temporary interruption of communications but no damage was caused to crops since sowing had not begun in the area. The State Government have received no report or representation to show that in any case damage has been of such a degree as to call for any distress relief measures, but if there is any deserving case, the State Government would do the needful.

Shri Rishang Keishing: May I know if the Government of Manipur has asked the Central Government to send any help?

Shri Datar: As I have stated, we have not received any report at all.

Shri Rishang Keishing: May I know if the information supplied by the hon. Minister is a complete report about the Cyclone?

***Shri Datar:** Sir, may I place the full report before the House as we have received from the Chief Commissioner?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Yes.

*From Chief Commissioner, Imphal To, Home, New Delhi.

"Dated the 4th May, 1955.

Mathew to Sahgal your wireless message received here on 3rd night (.) There was a hailstorm of more than usual intensity but of short duration in and around Imphal on the 29th afternoon (.) Houses trees were uprooted and there was also damage to some houses and also temporary interruption of communications. (.) No damage to crops since sowing has not begun in the area (.) No report received that any other area has been affected (.) No report or representation to Government of damage of such degree or extent as to call for distress relief measures by Government."