

are being considered for the location of the Press.

Shri Matthen: May I know whether there is any proposal for a printing press exclusively for the Parliament; if not, will Government consider the proposal to have one?

Sardar Swaran Singh: That is a suggestion for action, Sir.

BORDER RAID

*2618. **Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pakistan forces have occupied the place where the body of Sardar Bhagat Singh was cremated on the bank of River Sutlej near Ferozepore;

(b) whether the Government of India have taken any steps for the restoration of the said place; and

(c) if so, the nature of the action taken?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) to (c). Sardar Bhagat Singh's body was cremated near the foot of the Right Abutment of the old Kaiser-e-Hind Ferozepore bridge, about two furlongs on the Indian side of the Right Marginal Bund of the Ferozepore Headworks. There is no monument on that site. Pakistan forces encroached upon and occupied Indian territory in this area on the 7th June, 1948. Since then, they have increased their area of unauthorised occupation in that region.

The question of evacuation of Indian territory in the vicinity of Ferozepore Headworks has been taken up from time to time with Pakistan authorities. It was included in the list of items for discussion by the Indo-Pakistan Steering Committees, which have recently been revived. It has been agreed during these discussions that the demarcation of the boundary in the Western Zone

should be taken up as early as possible. It has not, however, been possible to reach any agreement so far, on the question of Pakistan's evacuation of Indian territory in the vicinity of the Ferozepore Headworks, pending the final demarcation of the boundary.

Sardar Iqbal Singh: May I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that there used to be a big fair to pay homage to Sardar Bhagat Singh on the 23rd March, every year and now the people could not go there though the place is in India?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: I am not aware of this. I will certainly look into that.

Sardar Iqbal Singh: May I know whether the Government of India will take some action as early as possible so that next year people may be able to pay homage to Sardar Bhagat Singh at that place?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: We hope the matter will be settled.

GRANTS TO STATE GOVERNMENT

*2620. **Dr. Rama Rao:** Will the Minister of Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) whether a sum of rupees two lakhs has been sanctioned for expenditure on the staff employed by the Delhi State Government in the Social Welfare and Rehabilitation Directorate;

(b) if so, the conditions laid down for this grant; and

(c) the details of the schemes for which this amount has been sanctioned?

The Deputy Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri J. K. Bhopale): (a) Yes.

(b) None.

(c) The grant has been sanctioned to cover expenditure on staff of the Social Welfare Rehabilitation Directorate engaged on the implementation