

have surrendered and those who have been captured during the period from the 1st May to 31st July, 1950;

(b) the number of arms recovered from them;

(c) the description and make of the arms captured;

(d) the names of the countries which manufacture these arms; and

(e) the present number of detainees?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri J. N. Hazarika): (a) Surrendered—2166; Captured—605

(b) 486 arms (Surrendered—241; recovered—245).

(c) These include Rifles, Sten Guns, Pistols, Revolvers, Shot-guns and Muskets of various calibres

(d) Not known Many of the guns are locally made

(e) 80

Naga Attack on Kohima

*1637 { Shri Hem Barua:
Shri F. C. Borooah:
Shrimati Masda Ahmed:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Naga hostiles attacked Kohima, the headquarters station of the Naga Hills-Tuensang District on the 15th August, 1950; and

(b) if so, the extent of damage caused?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri J. N. Hazarika): (a) Some stray shots were fired by the hostiles during the night of 14/15th August, 1950, as well as during the day of the 15th August, 1950, with a view to cause disturbance

and prevent people from participating in the Independence Day Celebrations.

(b) No damage to life or property as a result of this incident has been reported so far

Shri Raghunath Singh: May I know whether the Government has been able to trace from what side the arms are smuggled into the Naga area and whether Nagas are getting any help from any outside country?

Shri J. N. Hazarika: We have no reports of such smuggling. Most of the weapons, as I have already said, are locally made. I may inform the hon. Member that the number of M. L. guns recovered is 300, rifles of 303 calibre numbering 67 and Japanese rifles numbering 56.

Shri Raghunath Singh: I want to know from what side these arms have been smuggled there and how they are having these arms

Shri J. N. Hazarika: I have said that there are no reports of such smuggling

Shri Shree Narayan Das: May I know what is the latest position in regard to the activities of these rebels? Is it a fact that they have become active in recent months?

Shri J. N. Hazarika: A large number of rebels—2166—have already surrendered and 605 people have been captured

जी न० सा० द्विवेदी : क्या संसदीय-सचिव महोदय को यह पता है कि विद्रोही नागाओं की कुछ टुकड़ियां चीन के उस हिस्से में बनी गई हैं, जहां से चीन की धोर से हमारे क्षेत्र पर आक्रमण किया गया है ?

Shri J. N. Hazarika: I have no information.

जी न० सा० द्विवेदी : सम्भव की, यह बात सत्तवारों में प्रचारित रूप से प्रकाशित हो चुकी है और संसदीय-सचिव कहते हैं कि मुझे इस का पता नहीं है ।

Mr. Speaker: Some of these rebels have gone over to China. Is that what he wants to know?

Shri M. L. Dwivedi: Yes; it has been published in the papers; everybody knows

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs, (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): The Government of India do not go by newspaper reports; we go by the information we receive from our sources.

की व० सा० द्विवेदी . क्या इस बात का पता लगाने की कोशिश की जा रही है ?

श्रीमती लक्ष्मी मेनन हमेशा कोशिश की जाती है ।

Mr. Speaker: Very often such things come up There are newspaper reports and on the strength of the newspaper reports, hon. Members come to this House and make enquiries. There is no other chance of their getting information. Either the Minister must give them information or the newspapers supply them. It is no good telling the House, "We do not know" The newspapers are as much available to the Minister as to the Members At least when they bring it to the notice of the Minister, the Minister must make enquiries. There is no good saying, "So far we have not had any information". As soon as a question is received, we allow ten days time; they must make enquiries, talk over the 'phone or otherwise get the information. Otherwise, question hour will be useless; I might suspend the question hour. I would tell the hon. Ministers, it is no good saying here, "We have no information" They must say, "We have made enquiries and we find it is wrong or it is right". Otherwise, the question hour is absolutely infructuous.

Shrimati Maifida Ahmed: I want to know whether any effort is being made by Government to find out the clue as to how the hostile elements are maintaining the continuity of unlicensed arms, i.e. who are their suppliers?

Shri J. N. Hazarika: This sort of question was put before the House earlier also and we have replied that some of the weapons were locally made and others were received during the war-time, maybe from the Japanese or other people.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: There has been trouble in this area for a long time. As you know, many Naga rebels have escaped not only to China, but to Pakistan also. In the circumstances, may I know what was the special difficulty in the way of the Defence Minister that he did not pay any visit to that area up till now?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: That is a question which has to be put to the Defence Minister as to why he has not gone there.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: May I know whether Government is aware of the whereabouts of the Naga rebel leader Phizo and whether it is a fact that he is in U.S.A now?

An Hon. Member: Or in China?

Mr. Speaker: How does it arise out of this question? (*Interruptions*)

Shri S M. Banerjee: The question is about Naga rebels; he is the leader of the rebels. He went to Pakistan and from there he went to U.S.A. That is our information Is it a fact?

Mr Speaker: The question is, how many have been captured. He has not been captured yet; that is clear

Shrimati Maifida Ahmed: It is reported he is in Burma

Mr. Speaker: Because he is a rebel leader, hon. Members are anxious to know if Government are in possession of information regarding his whereabouts

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: We had information sometime ago that he was in Dacca. I do not know whether he is in U.S.A now

Shri Hem Barua: Are Government aware of the fact that there are widespread feelings in the Naga Hills about

Phizo staying in Pakistan, where it is said, he is training people for guerilla warfare and it is this that is giving a momentum to the Naga rebels, who operated so violently on the night of 15th August, came and hoisted their flag in the heart of Kohima, which is the headquarters of the Naga Hills-Tuensang area? This shows how active they are.

Mr. Speaker: The hon Deputy Minister says she had some information sometime ago that he was in Dacca and now she does not know whether he is in U.S.A. or elsewhere. The hon. Member puts the question as to whether it is true that the Naga rebel leader came to Kohima and hoisted his own flag on the 15th

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: No, Sir, we have definite information that he was not in Kohima to hoist the flag

Shri Hem Barua: My question is whether Government are aware of the widespread feelings in the Naga Hills today among the rebels that Phizo is in Pakistan where he is training persons for guerilla warfare

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: Government have very definite information that Phizo is not training people for guerilla warfare in Nagaland

Shri P. C. Borooah: May I know whether it is a fact that there was firing on the 15th August and also on the 9th August in Kohima town and the target was the army camps and the police station?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: The answer was already read out; there is nothing more to add. There was some stray shot-firing on the night of 14/15th August in order to prevent people from attending the Independence Day celebrations

Shrimati Masda Ahmed: The hon. Deputy Minister has just now refuted the hoisting of the flag of the Naga Federal Government. It is reported in the Press that one officer serving in a sub-divisional officer's office in

the Naga Hills-Tuensang area has been arrested by the army authorities for anti-State activities and the said officer hoisted the Naga flag on S.D.O.'s office in the Kohima town. Is it not a fact?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: It is not a fact; I have given the full information.

Shri Dasaratha Deb: In view of the fact that some rewards are being given to those persons in Naga Hills who surrender their arms, may I know whether the Naga rebels have planned to surrender useless guns and thereby make money and get rewards?

Shri J. N. Hazarika: They have surrendered good guns. High calibre guns have also been captured.

Mr. Speaker: Next question

Shri Hem Barua: Regarding Question No 1037

Mr. Speaker: I am not going to allow this. When both questions are answered simultaneously, any hon Member who puts a Question is not expected to make a difference between one or the other question.

Shri Hem Barua: Sir, I put the question

Mr. Speaker: The hon Member does on making suggestions, I do not know why. Some hon Members want to give more information than getting information. So they ask a question: is there a widespread general opinion among the Naga Hills like this? I do not know whether the Question Hour is for ascertaining the opinion of Nagas or non-Nagas. Once I allowed the hon Member to put a question: the second time also I allowed. And when the question was put, the hon. Minister said, "no, it is not so" once again. Under the circumstances, it will be a waste of time to put the same question. Also, there are hundreds of questions and I am not progressing at all in respect of questions

Shri Hem Barua: I will make a humble submission that was not my question.

Mr. Speaker: That was the question I heard.

Shri Hem Barua: People have been killed there

Mr. Speaker: With all respect to the hon Member, I am afraid it is not a question. The hon Member asked are there widespread rumours?

Shri Hem Barua: I want to know whether it is because of the rumour that Phizo is in Pakistan training people for guerilla warfare the rebellion is continuing here

Mr. Speaker: The hon Minister said that the guerilla warfare is not being arranged or engineered by Phizo. It is a definite information that is what the hon Minister said. What else can he ask the Minister? Let him go and ask Phizo. So far as the information of the hon Minister is concerned, they are original. All that the House can expect to ask the Government is whether the Government is taking sufficient care to see that no unnecessary depredations take place.

But before going to the next question, I would suggest something. In today's newspaper various reports have come regarding Chinese invasion and occupation of border areas and also about NEFA. Such newspaper reports will naturally create alarm in the minds of the public. Therefore, I would suggest to the hon. Ministers that as soon as they find some such reports, instead of merely depending on giving laconic answers in Parliament, of their own accord they should make brief and full statements, anticipating questions on all those matters and thus clear up the fears and doubts of not only the Members of Parliament, but the whole country as people are naturally agitated over these matters. I am not satisfied merely with "Yes" or "No". True in the Question Hour that can be done. But hon Ministers should try to take the House into confidence on whether the rumours are right or not.

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: We always take cognizance of what appears in the newspapers and try to verify them and whenever we get any information which is of interest to the House, it is always shared with the House by the Prime Minister.

Mr. Speaker: The Deputy Minister must also share it.

Ayurvedic Dispensaries in Coal Mine Areas

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*1014. { Shri R. C. Majhi:
Shri Subodh Hanada:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ayurvedic dispensaries are becoming very popular in coal mines area,

(b) if so the total number of such dispensaries opened so far; and

(c) whether the proposal for opening of such dispensaries one at Bhuli and three in Andhra Pradesh has been finally considered and the dispensaries opened?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) Yes

(b) Nine

(c) One dispensary at Bhuli and three dispensaries in Andhra Pradesh have been sanctioned. The dispensary at Bhuli and one dispensary in Andhra Pradesh have started functioning.

Shri R. C. Majhi: May I know the cost of establishing an Ayurvedic dispensary?

Shri Abid Ali: It will cost Rs 1,500 recurring and about Rs 12,000 non-recurring.

Shri Tangamani: May I know the places in Andhra Pradesh where Ayurvedic dispensaries have been set up? Which are those mines and how many workers are covered by those dispensaries?