

Electric Project in Jammu and Kashmir State;

(b) if so, whether the Project report has been finalised; and

(c) when the work on the Project is likely to begin?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) No.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Contraband Gold Haul at Bombay

771. { Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri Himatsingka:
Shri Kamalayan Bajaj:
Shri Maheswar Naik:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that contraband gold worth 78 lakhs was discovered at Bombay on 11th November, 1962; and

(b) if so, the details of it?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) On 11th November, 1962 a quantity of 36,000 tolas of contraband gold with foreign markings was recovered from the sea bed in Revdanda Creek near Bombay by the officers of the Central Excise Collectorate, Bombay. At the prevailing market rate, the gold was valued approximately at Rs. 45 lakhs.

(b) On 7th November, 1962 a quantity of 15,900 tolas of contraband gold was seized by the Police near Alibagh in Kolaba District. As it was suspected that the gold seized by the Police authorities might be only a part of a larger consignment of contraband gold landed clandestinely in and around the coastline, further searches were carried out by a batch of Central Excise officers and the above-mentioned seizure was effected on the 11th November, 1962. Further investigations are in progress.

12 hrs.

RE: CEASE-FIRE ON INDIA-CHINA BORDER

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath (Hoshangabad): Before you proceed, Sir, may I appeal to you to request the Prime Minister to make a brief statement on the war situation now, particularly with reference to that part of the Chinese Government's announcement that they would cease fire or would have ceased fire last midnight, midnight of 21st-22nd. We want to know whether there is any information available here in Delhi, in the External Affairs Ministry or not.

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): Such information as we have got is to the effect that there has been no firing since last night.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Midnight?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: There has been no firing—midnight or before that.

Shri Hem Barua (Gauhati): May I know the exact position where the Chinese troops are now located so far as NEFA is concerned? Are they at the Foothills now or have they crossed Foothills? I want to know the exact location of Chinese at present.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I do not think they are at the Foothills; they are some way beyond that.

Shri Hem Barua: There is a place called Foothills.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I know. They are not there.

Mr. Speaker: They have not come up to that; they are beyond that.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Sir, before the House adjourns, will the House have an opportunity of, if not discussing, at least expressing its views on the Chinese Government's note?