

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) A few Tibetan Refugees still manage to enter India through NEFA from time to time.

(b) There are at present approximately a total number of 3,000 Tibetan Refugees in NEFA, almost all of whom are in process of being rehabilitated on land settlements or other works.

(c) All the new arrivals are thoroughly screened.

Army Nursing Service

833. { Shri Pottakkatt:
Shri A. V. Raghavan:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether the commissions in the Army Nursing Service are confined only to females;

(b) if so, why they are given Lieutenant rank at the time of appointment; and

(c) the reasons for denying this rank to male nurses even by way of promotion?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A candidate for Commission in the Military Nursing Service has to be in possession of a certificate which requires 3 to 4 years' training in an approved hospital. She must also be registered under the Indian Nursing Council Act as a fully trained nurse in the Medical and Surgical nursing of men, women and children and in midwifery. The maximum age limit for entry into the Military Nursing Service is 32 years. Candidates may, therefore, have up to 10 years experience before joining the Military Nursing Service. The rank of Lieutenant has been prescribed at the time of entry to compensate for their period of training and entry at a higher age.

(c) The Military Nursing Service is a women's corps for which men are not considered suitable. Certain nursing duties in the Army are performed by male Nursing Assistants who are enrolled in the Army Medical Corps as recruits and given training while in service. These persons are eligible for grant of Commissions in the non-technical branch of the Army Medical Corps.

Asian Population Conference

834. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Asian Population Conference due to be held by ECAFE in Delhi has been postponed indefinitely; and

(b) if so, the causes thereof?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) and (b). No. The Conference will be held in December 1963 as scheduled. It will, however, be held at Bangalore instead of New Delhi.

Hostile Nagas

835. { Shri Rishang Keishing:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri Maheswar Nalk:
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri N. R. Laskar:
Shri Subodh Haasda:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the number of civilians killed and kidnapped in Nagaland by the hostile Nagas since October, 1962; and

(b) the measures proposed to be taken by Government to curb their activities?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) During the period Octo-