

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Labour and Employment (Shri B. K. Malviya): (a) Yes.

(b) No recommendations were made. He has, however, found the management responsible for non-implementation of an agreement and an award in respect of wages, annual increments, leave wages and train fares and non-payment of bonus in some cases.

(c) The irregularities have been taken up for rectification with the management and the Indian Mining Federation to which the management is affiliated.

Bridge Blown up by Naga Hostiles

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 Shri Kapur Singh:
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 Shri Kachhavaiya:
 Shri B. P. Yadava:
 Shri Dhaon:
 Shri Bishanchander Seth:
 Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:
 Shri S. M. Banerjee:
 Shri C. K. Bhattacharyya:
 Shri S. N. Chaturvedi:
 Shri Kajrolkar:
 Shri Tridip Kumar Chaudhuri:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Naga hostiles blew up the Karong bridge linking Kohima with Manipur on or about the 11th January, 1964;

(b) if so, the particulars of the incident; and

(c) the action taken by Government in the matter?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir, The Karong bridge was blown up by Naga hostiles on the night of 11th/12th January, 1964 by using explosive, 1/2 lb, of dynamite and 4 feet of electric

fuse wire were later recovered from the area.

(c) Security measures have been tightened.

Documentary on Lahaul and Spiti Valley

717. Shri Hem Raj: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state the progress made so far in the preparation of the documentary film on Lahaul and Spiti?

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs (Shri Satya Narayan Sinha): The shooting of the film has been completed. Commentary is being written.

Recruitment in Technical Services

718. Shri Hem Raj: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for poor response in the recruitment of technical services in the Defence Forces;

(b) whether it is due to the paucity of qualified technical personnel or low emoluments; and

(c) the steps taken to meet the shortage?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): (a) and (b). Recruitment to the technical services of the Armed Forces is, on the whole, satisfactory, except in the case of recruitment of graduate Engineers to the Army. The reason appears to be largely the big demand for engineers in the civil sector.

(c) The following measures have been taken:

(i) Grant of two years ante-date to graduate engineers.

(ii) Grant of additional ante-date upto two years to serving officers of Central and State Governments and public sector undertakings.