

Aid to Nepal, Bhutan and Sikkim

2965. Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shri Heerji Bhai:
Shri K. Pradhani.

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the amount earmarked for giving aid to Nepal, Bhutan and Sikkim for their development works during 1967-68 and

(b) the particulars of the works to be executed?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) Nepal: Rs. 7,94,08,000; Bhutan: Rs. 3,44,00,000, Sikkim: Rs. 1,75,00,000.

(b) The development works to be executed in Nepal, Bhutan and Sikkim fall broadly under the following heads:—

- (i) Agriculture.
- (ii) Communications.
- (iii) Irrigation and Power.
- (iv) Water Supply Schemes
- (v) Education.
- (vi) Horticulture
- (vii) Forestry
- (viii) Health; and
- (ix) Machinery and equipment.

Naval Base at Marmagao

2966. Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri Heerji Bhai:
Shri K. Pradhani:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the stage at which the proposal to set up a Naval Base at Marmagao stands at present;

(b) whether any final decision has since been taken in this regard; and

(c) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Swaram Singh): (a) and (b). The proposal is still under the consideration of the Government.

(c) Does not arise.

Chinese Intrusions into Sikkim and Bhutan

2967. Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shri Heerji Bhai:
Shri K. Pradhani:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether China has perpetrated numerous military intrusions into Sikkim and Bhutan during the last two months; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence (Shri B. B. Bhagat): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

Theft of valuable Articles from Monasteries in Himachal Pradesh

2968. Shri K. P. Singh Deo:
Shri D. N. Patodia:
Shri S. K. Tapuriah:
Shri P. K. Deo:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some rare articles of historical value have been stolen from Ghantapa Gomta monastery and other monasteries in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Himachal Pradesh Government have taken up the matter with the Ministry of External Affairs for the recovery of the lost articles;

(c) if so, the details of the lost articles; and

(d) the action taken by Government to recover the articles?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) to (d). This matter is under active investigation and the facts of the case will be placed before the House on its completion.