

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) Government had no retirement option Scheme under consideration. However, on 17-5-1966, an Office Memorandum was issued by the Finance Ministry according to which personnel identified as surplus and opting to retire had five years added to their qualifying service under particular circumstances;

(b) As the Government had no general retirement option scheme under consideration, this question does not arise.

#### DEMANDS FOR SEPARATION IN ASSAM

\*89. SHRI D. C. SHARMA :  
SHRI HEM BARUA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether posters containing demands for separation have been appearing in several parts of Assam in the beginning of August, 1967;

(b) if so, whether investigations have been made into the origin of these posters; and

(c) if so, the results achieved and the action taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN) : (a) and (b). Yes Sir.

(c) Enquiries made so far disclose that a number of groups are circulating pamphlets and posters. Some of these groups are not properly organised. Some of these posters are crude manuscript documents. State Government are making further enquiries in the matter.

#### DESPATCH OF C.R.P. BATTALIONS TO WEST BENGAL

\*90. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that several battalions of the Central Reserve Police were sent to West Bengal towards the end of September, 1967 and later; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) and (b). Some armed police contingents were sent to West Bengal at the instance of the State Government who wanted their own armed police force to be supplemented in order to cope with possible disturbances to law and order.

#### NAGA REBELS ATTACK ON C.R.P. CAMP NORTH OF MANIPUR

407. SHRI C. K. BHATTACHARYYA :  
SHRI K. K. NAYAR :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that 300 armed Naga rebels entered Ukhrul Sub-division of Manipur in the beginning of August 1967;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a camp of Central Reserve Police at Palwai, north of Manipur was attacked by hostiles; and

(c) the steps taken to check and resist them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. However, one C.R.P. post at Paoyi in Ukhrul Sub-Division was attacked by Naga hostiles on the 16th August, 1967.

(c) The Naga hostile attack was repulsed by our forces and one hostile was killed and another captured. The Security posts have been strengthened and patrolling has been intensified.

#### NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION

408. SHRI BABURAO PATEL : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) the date of inception of the National Rifle Association of India, the number of its branches or offices, the strength of staff, its annual maintenance expenses, the number of rifles at its disposal and the number of life members on the roll;