

(b) if so, when Government propose to do so ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Inclusion of Mizo Language in Eighth Schedule

58. SHRI ANANDA PATHAK : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have agreed to include the Mizo language in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution ;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to include the Nepali language also in the said Schedule ; and

(c) if not, reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA) : (a) to (c). No such proposal is under consideration. The Government are of the view that inclusion of more languages in the Eighth Schedule would create other repercussions and reactions. However, it is the endeavour of the Government to develop the cultural and literary heritage of all the languages irrespective of their inclusion in the Eighth Schedule.

Bangladeshi Poet

59. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH : SHRI SYED MASUDAL HOSSAIN :

SHRI ANIL BASU : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have asked Daud Haider, an internationally known Bangladeshi Poet to leave India immediately ;

(b) whether Government are aware that his life may be endangered in the hands of fundamentalists as soon as he would enter into Bangladesh ;

(c) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the appeal made by many eminent persons to them to accept the prayer of Mr. Haider for Indian citizenship ; and

(d) the step, if any Government propose to save the life of the Poet ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA) :

(a) His stay in India has been extended till further orders.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

'Proposal to Establish A Separate Department for Mountain Development.'

60. PROF. RAMKRISHNA MORE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the imperative need for preservation of mountains ;

(b) whether Government have received any suggestion for establishing a separate Department of Mountain Development ; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BIR SEN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The recommendations of the 72nd Session of the Indian Science Congress Association amongst others include a suggestion for the setting up