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925. **Shri Bimlaprasad Chaliha:** Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Cash Book of the office of the Political Officer of Subansiri Division, North East Frontier Agency was missing this year at the time of the annual audit;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Register for Contingent Expenditure was lost last year also at the time of audit;

(c) whether It is a fact that the audit found a discrepancy of over Rs. 30,000 between receipt and expenditure last year and a mysterious

fire gutted the whole office on the same night; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose of institute an enquiry in the matter?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Defence (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) to (d). A fire broke out in the office of the Political Officer, Subansiri Division at Ziro on 6th March, 1954. The office building was completely burnt down and all the official records and furniture were destroyed. A thorough enquiry has been ordered into the matter and investigations are still in progress.