

Suggestion to Allow Naga Leader Phizo to Return to India

825. SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO. Will the MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (VIDESH MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether the former Union Deputy Minister Shri S. C. Jamir recently suggested to the Government of India that underground Naga Leader Phizo be allowed to return to India ; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard in the context of solution of the Naga problem ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (VIDESH MANTRALAYA MEN UP-MANTRI) (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : No, Sir.

(b) Government does not favour the suggestion.

Statement made by Pradhan Mantri on stopping of Volunteers from going to East Pakistan for helping Bangla Desh movement

826. SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA: Will the MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (VIDESH MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether Pradhan Mantri told in a press interview, published in Rome on April 16, that her Government was stopping volunteers who wanted to go to East Pakistan to help the Bangla Desh movement ; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (VIDESH MANTRALAYA MEN UP-MANTRI) (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government would not like to bring grist to the mill of Pakistan's malicious propaganda that India has prompted the freedom movement.

Blast in Explosive Factory, Kirkee

827. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA :
SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY:

Will the MINISTER OF DEFENCE (RAKSHA MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have seen the Press Reports in the 'Hindustan Times' dated the 5th February, 1971 wherein it has been stated that there was a blast in the Explosive Factory, Kirkee on the 4th February, 1971 ;

(b) if so, the cause of the incident ;

(c) the number of persons injured and killed and the estimated loss of property and ammunition ; and

(d) whether any inquiry has been conducted in the matter and, if so, with what results ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (RAKSHA MANTRALAYA (RAKSHA UTPADAN) MEN RAJYA MANTRI) (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (d). A Board of Enquiry was constituted on 5.2.1971. The Board has submitted its report which is under examination.

(c) One person was killed and about 200 persons were injured, out of whom 2 were put on seriously injured list but have since become fit. The loss is estimated to be Rs. 32.19 lakhs.

Patrolling by Anti-Submarine Frigates in Ceylonese Waters

828. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU : Will the MINISTER OF DEFENCE (RAKSHA MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether India's anti-submarine frigates are now engaged in patrolling the Ceylonese waters ;