

Alleged Demand for Sikh Homeland

438. SHRI M. M. JOSEPH : Will the Minister OF HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether in October, 1971, the Working Committee of the Master Tara Singh Akali Dal demanded in their resolution for immediate establishment of the Sikh homeland so that they could maintain their religious and cultural entity; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI K.C. PANT) : (a) and (b). Government have seen press reports to this effect. Full facts are being ascertained from the Government of Punjab.

Violent activities of Naxalities in Punjab

439. SHRI HARI SINGH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the violent activities of Naxalites and extremists in Punjab; and

(b) is so, what steps Government have taken to check their activities ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI K.C. PANT) : (a) and (b) The Government are fully seized of the activities of Naxalites and Extremists in Punjab. A number of Extremist leaders have been arrested and efforts continue for arrest of some other leaders who have gone underground.

Ostentatious living by Ministers

440. SHRI DASARATHA DEB ;
SHRI RAJDEO SINGH :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Prime Minister had issued any circular to the State Chief Ministers to strictly avoid ostentatious

marriages, birthday celebrations, etc; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the State Governments thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F.H. MOHSIN) : (a) and (b). On receipt of a large number of letters about extravagance at weddings, etc. the Prime Minister addressed letters in June, 1971 to the Chief Ministers of Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, and the leaders of the Congress Party in the Legislatures of Kerala and Bihar, stressing the need for avoiding pomp and show at weddings. The Prime Minister has also been stressing from time to time the need for avoiding wasteful expenditure of all kinds.

Arrest of Spies detected among Refugees

441. SHRI D.P. JADEJA ;
DR. LAXMINARAIN PANDEY :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of spies among refugees detected and arrested upto the 31st October, 1971; and

(b) the action taken against those spies ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOHSIN) : (a) and (b). According to information received no such arrest has been made in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Mysore, Nagaland, Orissa and Punjab and in the Union Territories except Tripura. Information in respect of the remaining States and Tripura is awaited and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Arrest of a well-known poet and allegedly a Naxalite Leader in West Bengal

442. SHEI H. N. MUKERJEE ; Will the Minister OF HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :