

during their recent talks with the Prime Minister; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the outcome of the talks with them?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) and (b). The Underground Naga leaders reiterated their demand for an independent Nagaland. They were told that the future and well-being of Nagaland lies within the Indian Union and any solution of the Naga question would have to be within the framework of the Indian Union. No agreed and concrete conclusions emerged. However, the Underground Naga leaders reiterated their desire to seek a peaceful solution of the problem.

PAK. ATTACK IN THE URI SECTOR

16. SHRI K. N. PANDEY :
SHRI MADHU LIMAYE :
SHRI S. M. BANERJEE :
SHRI D. N. PATODIA :
SHRIMATI TARKESHWARI
SINHA :
SHRI HARDAYAL DEVGUN :
SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO :
SHRI ONKAR LAL BERWA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Pakistani forces opened fire on an Indian patrol in the Uri Sector of Jammu and Kashmir on the 9th October, 1967;

(b) if so, the details of the incident including the loss of life and property involved and

(c) the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SWARAN SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On the morning of the 9th October 1967, Pak. troops suddenly opened fire on our patrol with small arms and automatic weapons from fortified positions on their side of the CFL in the Uri Sector. The Indian patrol which was moving on our side of the cease-fire line returned the fire in self-defence. After heavy exchange of fire for about an hour in the morning, there was a slight lull. Thereafter, intermittent firing continued till the next morning. Two ORS

were killed and three wounded on our side during the exchange of fire. On the Pakistan side, 7 to 9 soldiers are believed to have been killed/wounded. Details of loss of property on their side are not known.

(c) A cease-fire violation complaint has been lodged with the U.N. Military Observers. Necessary precautionary measures have been taken on our side of the cease-fire line.

INFORMATION SERVICE OF INDIAN HIGH COMMISSION IN LONDON

17. SHRI SRADHAKAR
SUPAKAR :
SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to an article by Taya Zinkin entitled "Why waste Money" on the working of the Indian High Commission in London, published in *Opinion*, of the 5th September, 1967; and

(b) whether any steps to improve the Information Service of the Indian High Commission, London have since been taken?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter has been investigated and there is no substance in the sweeping statements made in the article. Steps are, however, taken continuously to improve the Information Service in London and elsewhere.

INDUSTRIAL VENTURES IN KUWAIT

18. SHRI MANIBHAI J. PATEL : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 36 on the 22nd May, 1967 and state :

(a) whether consultations between the Governments of India and Kuwait have since been held regarding the survey of industries for mutually beneficial joint collaboration; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?