

(a) whether it is a fact that house rents are still very high in Delhi and New Delhi; and

(b) if so, the further steps taken to check the rise in house rents?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Hajarnavis):

(a) No. It was stated in the answer to part (b) of Starred Question No. 281 on the 6th March, 1963 that it was not a fact that rents in Delhi were exorbitant due to paucity of houses and that the rents in Delhi were controlled under the Delhi Rent Control Act, 1958. The same position continues to obtain at present.

(b) Does not arise.

Uniform Wage Patterns for Engineers

*87. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to evolve a uniform wage pattern for engineers throughout the country; and

(b) if so, the outlines thereof; and the stage at which it stands at present?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shrimati Chandrasekhar): (a) No such proposal is under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

Mizo National Movement

*88. **Dr. L. M. Singhvi:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the main demands and grievances of Mizo leaders;

(b) whether Government have considered their grievances; and

(c) if so, the action proposed to be taken in the matter?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Nanda): (a) to (c). The question of an administrative set-up and the grant of full autonomy to the Hill Districts

of Assam, including the Mizo District, was discussed by a delegation of the representatives of the All-Party Hill Leaders' Conference with the Prime Minister on the 4th and 5th October, 1963. The representatives of the All-Party Hill Leaders' Conference have again asked for an interview with the Prime Minister for a further discussion of the proposals for the grant of full autonomy to the Hill Districts, including the Mizo District.

Imperial Gazetteer

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 Shri Bade:
 Shri Buta Singh:
 Shri Bishanchander Seth:
 Shri Chattar Singh:
 Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
 Sri D. N. Tiwary:
 Shri P. K. Deo:
 Shri A. N. Vidyalkar:
 Shri Maheswar Naik:
 Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
 Shri Sham Lal Saraf:
 Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:

Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are going to revise the Imperial Gazetteer of India published fifty years ago;

(b) if so, to whom the work has been entrusted; and

(c) the policy and programme of such revision?

The Deputy Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Dr. Mono Mohan Das): (a) Yes, Sir. The first four volumes are being revised and brought out as the "Gazetteer of India: Indian Union."

(b) The work has been entrusted to the Central Gazetteers Unit of this Ministry.

(c) The main objective of such a revision is the preparation of a book for the general reader which will give an adequate and comprehensive pic-

ture of India in all her aspects: Physical, Historical, Cultural, Economic, Social and Political. The first volume was sent for printing in June 1962 and the second volume is expected to be ready for the press by June, 1964.

Palam Incident

- *90. { Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shri Gokaran Prasad:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that some violent incidents took place on the 12th September, 1963 at Palam Airport involving some policemen and press photographers when the bodies of victims of I.A.C. plane crash near Agra on the 11th September, 1963 were brought to Palam; and

(b) if so, the nature of the incident?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Nanda): (a) and (b). No violent incident occurred. As Palam Airport has been declared a 'protected place' under the Defence of India Rules, the police authorities had to restrain press photographers from taking photographs.

Birth Centenary of Bahadur Shah Zafar

163. **Dr. L. M. Singhvi:** Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the birth centenary of Bahadur Shah Zafar is being celebrated in November, this year;

(b) whether any date has been fixed for the celebrations and if so, whether the dates have been checked historically; and

(c) what specific steps are being taken to commemorate the last Indian Emperor of Delhi?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Dr. M. M. Das): (a) and (b). The Bazm-e-Zafar Committee, Delhi,

celebrated "Zafar" day on the 7th November, 1963 as the 101st anniversary of the death of Bahadur Shah Zafar. As the celebrations were not organised by the Government the question of checking of dates did not arise.

(c) A road in the city of Delhi has been renamed as Bahadur Shah Zafar Road.

University at Madurai

164. **Shri M. G. Thengondar:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to establish a University at Madurai (Madras State);

(b) if so, when it would be established; and

(c) the financial allocation made for this purpose by the University Grants Commission?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) and (b). It is understood that the Madras Government have appointed an Expert Committee to examine the question.

(c) No financial allocation is made by the University Grants Commission for the establishment of new Universities.

Technical Scholarships in Uttar Pradesh

165. **Shri Sarjoo Pandey:** Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the number of merit-cum-means scholarships allotted to each technical institute in Uttar Pradesh during 1962-63; and

(b) the amount proposed to be given to that state for the said purpose during the same period?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library, See No. LT-1849/63]