

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). The Jail rules of most of the States do not provide for separate classification as 'political prisoners'. All prisoners are normally classified into two or three groups for purposes of treatment in jails on the recommendations of the courts convicting them.

CHIEF MINISTERS' CONFERENCE ON LANGUAGE ISSUE

3285. SHRI D. N. PATODIA :
SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to convene a Chief Ministers' Conference to clear the misgivings which have been created in many quarters over the language Resolution adopted by Parliament; and

(b) if so, when a decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) No such decision has yet been taken.

(b) It is not possible to indicate at this stage as to when such a decision is likely to be taken.

NAXALBARI

3286. SHRI D. N. PATODIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in the "Hindustan Times" on the 9th February, 1968 that the followers of the Naxalbari movement continue to be active in Jalpaiguri and are inciting the labourers in the Katalguri Tea Estate to create trouble;

(b) whether as a result of the activities of the Naxalbari Group of Left Communists, a sense of insecurity prevails in the Tea Estates; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction to these developments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Government have no such information.

VISAKHAPATNAM PORT

3287. SHRI MANGALATHUMADAM:
SHRI P. VISWAMBHARAN :

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact that a good quantity of iron ore was lost by the collapse of the loading station at Visakhapatnam Port recently;

(b) if so, the quantity lost; and

(c) the steps taken to prevent its recurrence?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING (DR. V. K. R. V. RAO): (a) On the 10th November, due to poor soil conditions, there was a sudden subsidence in a part of the stockpile area where ore from the Barajamda mines is stacked.

(b) As a result of the subsidence, approximately 9,000 to 10,000 tonnes of ore sunk to an average depth of three feet. The major portion of the ore is retrievable.

(c) To avoid recurrence of such accidents, the present stacking height in the stockpile area has been reduced.

CREATION OF A NEW CATEGORY OF STENOGRAPHERS IN THE CENTRAL SECRETARIAT

3288. SHRI MANGALATHUMADAM:
SHRI P. VISWAMBHARAN :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal to create a new category of Stenographers Grade III abolishing the posts of stenotypists for the Central Secretariat Service and its attached offices;

(b) if so, its broad features; and

(c) whether these posts will be filled up through the U.P.S.C.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Such a proposal is under consideration.

(b) and (c). The details are still under examination.