

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA):

(a) The Lt. Governor has made certain suggestions for bringing about greater efficiency and discipline in the Delhi police force.

(b) and (c): These are under consideration of Government.

Indo-Pak Talks

867. SHRI GADILINGANA GOWD: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the talks with Pakistan regarding restoration of air services between the two countries have been finalized; and

(b) if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH): (a) and (b): No talks with the Pakistan Government for restoration of air services between India and Pakistan have yet been finalised. Government of India have, however, suggested this topic among others of mutual interest, for discussion between India and Pakistan.

Circulars issued by Education Ministry

868. SHRI MOHSIN: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that circulars of the Ministry of Education are being issued only in Hindi; and

(b) if so, whether it has caused much anxiety in Non-Hindi States?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (DR. TRIGUNA SEN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Mizo Hostiles' Activities

869. SHRI DEIVEEKAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that six Mizo rebels were killed and 24 captured by the Security Forces in encounters in the Mizo Hills District during the first week of January, 1968;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any foreign arms and personnel were captured in these encounters; and

(d) the number of security forces personnel injured and killed in these encounters?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b). During the period from 1st to 7th January, 1968, 2 Mizo hostiles were killed and 68 apprehended.

(c) No foreigner was apprehended. The markings on arms captured during the encounters were found erased.

(d) One member of the Security Forces was killed and 30 were injured.

Anglo-Indian Schools

870. SHRI G. VISHWANATHAN: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the threat posed to the Anglo-Indian Schools by some States where the managements have been asked to close down the schools, if English medium is continued; and

(b) the steps Government have taken to safeguard the interests of the minority communities and their schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD): (a) Government of India is not aware of any such case.

(b) In view of the reply at (a), no new steps seem to be called for.