

Stamp on Swami Ram Tirth

1904. **Shri Jedhe:**
Shri V. T. Patil:

Will the Minister of **Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration to issue a special stamp in commemoration of Swami Ram Tirth, a great Vedant Philosopher of Punjab; and

(b) if so, whether it is likely to be issued on his next birth anniversary?

The Deputy Minister in the Department of Communications (Shri Bhargavati): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

Firing by East Pak. Rifles

1905. **Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:**
Will the Minister of **Defence** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that East Pakistani Rifles intensified their firing on the 21st November, 1965 on the Indian positions at Boira village in 24 parganas District and Gede in Nadia District (Bengal) and thus opened a new front at Gede; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in the matter?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): (a) As stated in answer to Unstarred Question No. 1483 on the 29th November, 1965, Pakistani armed forces have been firing often on the Indian border out-post of Bayra (also spelt Boira) in the month of November 1965. There is, however, no indication that the firing was intensified on 21st November, 1965. Pakistani armed forces also started firing at our positions at Gede on 19th November, 1965. This firing has also been continuing intermittently.

(b) Protests have been lodged with the Pakistan Government. Our Security Forces have also fired in self-defence, whenever necessary. Other measures, as and when considered necessary, will be taken.

Air Accident Near Delhi

1906. **Shri Brij Basi Lal:**
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of **Defence** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Pilot Officer died in a flying accident involving an Indian Air Force plane near Delhi on the 22nd November, 1965; and

(b) if so, the causes of the accident?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): (a) Yes, Sir. The accident occurred 3 miles North-West of Muradnagar.

(b) A Court of Inquiry has been ordered to investigate the accident. The cause of the accident will be known when its report is received.

Air Space Violations by Pak.

1907. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of **External Affairs** be pleased to state:

(a) whether a protest has been made to Pakistan against its violations of Indian air space during the 13th and 17th November, 1965; and

(b) if so, the nature of reply received, if any?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No reply has yet been received.

प्रखिल भारतीय राष्ट्रीय राइफल संस्था को बन्दूकों का दिया जाना

1908. श्री प० ला० बाकपाल :
श्री कर्णो सिंहजी :
श्री नि० रं० लास्कर :

क्या प्रतिरक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

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