nations to have a working knowledge of typing to make them independent in typing work; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs and Minister of Defence Supplies in the Ministry of Defence (Shri Hathl): (a) No.

(b) The officers appointed to the I.A.S., I.F.S. and I.P.S. are not expected to do their own typing work. They are provided with stenographic assistance where necessary. This enables them to devote their time to more important work.

Loss of Property in Misoland

5321. Shrimati Jyotsna Chanda: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any assessment has bees made regarding the loss of property at Aijal and Lungleh during the disturbances made by the Mizo National Front: and
- (b) if so, the amount of loss to Government property and private persons' property separately?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs and Minister of Defence Supplies in the Ministry of Defence (Shri Hathi): (a) The assessment of loss has not yet been made.

(b) Does not arise.

Theft in a Temple in Delhi

5322. Dr. L. M. Singhvi: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there was a theft in a temple in Subhash Nagar, New Delhi, on or about the 20th February. 1986, and the culprits have not yet been apprehended:
- (b) whether Government are aware of the fact that the people of the area have made several representations complaining of neglect and indifference on the part of the authorities in this matter; and

(c) the steps, if any taken to strengthen the security in the area and to trace the culprits?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Vidya Charan Shukla; (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) Some representations from the residents of the locality have been received about this incident.
- (c) All possible efforts are being made to trace the culprits. Patrolling in the area has been intensified.

Scaling of Koktang Peak by Women Team

53.23. Shri Brij Basi Lai: Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey: Shri Braj Behari Mehrotra:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that an Indian Women team has successfully scaled the 20,166 feet high Koktang Peak in Sikkim recently; and
- (b) if so. Governments' reaction thereto?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Education (Shri Bhakt Darshan): (a) Yes, Sir. Five members of the All India Women team reached the peak on 18th April, 1986. The expedition was given financial assistance by the Government.

(b) The Government are pleased at the spirit of adventure evinced by our women.

Firing near Aijai

5324, Shri Brij Basi Lal; Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey; Shri Braj Behari Mehretra; Shri Ram Harkh Yadav;

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mizo hostiles opened rifle fire in the vicinity of Aijal Headquarters of the Mizo Hills district of Assam and many persons were killed and injured on