

(ख) यदि हां, तो विदेशों से राष्ट्रीय रक्षा कोष में कुल कितना धन प्राप्त हुआ है ; और

(ग) इसका व्यौर क्या है [?

प्रधान मंत्री तथा प्रभुशक्ति मंत्री (श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी) : (क) जी हां, राष्ट्रीय रक्षा कोष के लिए विदेशों में रहने वाले व्यक्तियों से भ्रंशदान हमारे मिशन प्राप्त करते हैं। मिशन अपने खाते में इन रकमों को जमा कर लेते हैं। इनका हिसाब महालेखाकार, केन्द्रीय राजस्व को यथा-समय प्राप्त होता है और उस का समायोजन कर दिया जाता है।

(ख) तथा (ग). एक विवरण सभा पटल पर रखा जाता है। [पुस्तकालय में रखा गया, देखिये संख्या एन० डी० 5503/66]

India's Publicity Abroad

425. **Shri Narayan Reddy:**
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri Himatsingka:
Shri C. K. Bhattacharyya:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a proposal to make a systematic study of India's neighbours, particularly China and Pakistan, so as to collect information useful for publicity purposes both in peace and war;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) when it is likely to be implemented?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) to (c). There is no special proposal as such. However, in pursuance of the normal functions of the External Affairs Ministry, there is constantly a systematic study of the policies of all the countries with which India has diplomatic relations, not only for publicity pur-

poses but also with a view to the evolution of our policies. This study is naturally intensified and adapted to suit changing conditions as and when occasion arises.

Interim Report on Television

426. **Shri Narayan Reddy:**
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri Himatsingka:
Dr. L. M. Singhvi:
Shri Linga Reddy:

Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received the Third Interim Report on Television in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to implement the suggestions made therein?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri Raj Bahadur):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Summary of the Report is laid on the Table [Placed in Library See No. LT—5504/66.]

(c) The suggestions made in the Report are under consideration.

Prime Minister's Meeting with Naga Rebels

427. **Shri Lahtan Chaudhry:**
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri K. N. Tiwary:
Shri Eswara Reddy:
Shrimati Renuka Barkataki:
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri Himatsingka:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shri Kolla Venkaiah:
Shri M. N. Swamy:
Shri Laxmi Dass:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Gulshan:
Shri Narayan Reddy:
Shri D. N. Tiwary:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Subodh Hansda:

Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
 Shri Madhu Limaye:
 Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia:
 Shri Kishen Pattanayak:
 Shri Yashpal Singh:
 Shri Hem Barua:
 Shri C. K. Bhattacharyya:
 Shri Ravindra Varma:
 Shri R. S. Pandey:
 Shri Rajeshwar Patel:
 Shri R. Barua:
 Shri Basumatari:
 Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:
 Shri Murl Manohar:
 Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:
 Shri Hem Raj:
 Shri Dharmalingam:
 Shri D. C. Sharma:
 Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
 Shri Mohammad Elias:
 Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister had a meeting with the rebel Naga leaders;

(b) if so, the subjects discussed; and

(c) whether any agreement has been reached with the rebel leaders for the settlement of the Naga problem?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) Yes Sir. The Naga leaders met the Prime Minister on the 18th and 19th in Delhi

(b) and (c). The discussion was in the nature of preliminary talks by the underground leaders with the Prime Minister to facilitate an early peaceful settlement. Ways and means of ensuring peace, effective implementation of the present agreement on the suspension of operations and speedy inquiry into complaints of breaches and their settlement were discussed.

No specific agreement has been reached for the settlement of the Naga problem but further discussions will take place in April this year.

Effect of Radiation on Flora and Fauna

428. Shri Vasudevan Nair:
 Shri Warlor:
 Shri Daji:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study had been conducted to find out the effects of natural radiation on the flora and fauna in the monazite areas of Kerala during the last few years; and

(b) if so, with what results?

The Prime Minister and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shrimati Indira Gandhi): (a) Yes. As a part of a larger study on the effects of chronic radiation on man and his environment an extended series of investigations have been carried out on the flora and, to a limited extent, fauna in the monazite areas of Kerala and Madras States.

(b) The Biology Group of the Energy Establishment, Trombay, have conducted extensive radioecological surveys of the monazite areas aimed at defining the nature and present levels of radioactivity in a large number of the most extensively occurring plants of the region. It has been observed that levels of both alpha and gamma radioactivity in plants from the monazite areas are higher than in plants from the non-monazite areas. Results obtained so far suggest that the existing levels of radioactivity in these plants are chiefly due to the absorption of isotopes of radium from the soil. The absorption of radioactive elements by plants is related to the nature of the root system as well as the growth pattern of the plant species. Experiments have also been undertaken to obtain quantitative information on the question of absorption, translocation and selective localization of the radioactive elements of the natural thorium and uranium series in plants.

In addition to radioactivity measurements, the effects on plants of the long-term exposure to radiation