

(a) Government's plan in respect of reducing the paucity of hotel accommodation as far as beds go;

(b) the main plans for constructing new hotels both by Government and by the private sector: and

(c) how Government propose to meet the increased demand as projected, with the coming of the Jumbo jets and the Air bus ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH): (a) to (c). Government have taken the following steps to augment hotel accommodation :-

(1) The India Tourism Development Corporation, a public sector undertaking, propose to construct a number of hotels. These proposals, if implemented during the Fourth Five Year Plan period, would add approximately 2300 beds.

(2) Special incentives have been announced to the private sector to encourage the flow of capital into hotels industry. These include substantial tax reliefs, liberal depreciation rates, development rebate; priority consideration for all needs of the hotels industry, sale of Government owned land in the Delhi area at concessional rates, and a Hotel Development Loan scheme for financial assistance in the shape of interest-bearing loans.

Facilities to Dr. Khorana, Nobel prize Winner (1968)

**5348. SHRI HEM BARUA :
SHRI YASHWANT SINGH-
KUSHWAH :**

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) the place where Dr. Khorana, an Indian Research Scholar and Winner of Nobel Prize for Medicine this year, studied and subject of his work; and

(b) whether it is a fact that Government propose to invite him back to India and if so, in what respects Government propose to utilise his talents ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (DR. TRIGUNA SEN):(a) Dr.Hargobind Khorana a Noble Prize winner, studied at the University of Punjab and the University of Liverpool (U. K.). His field of research is biochemistry and molecular biology and he shared the award with two others for interpreting the Genetic Code.

(b) There is no proposal under consideration at present.

Pakistani Intrusion into Indian territory

5349 SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) how many times Pakistanis made intrusions into the Indian territory during last one year;

(b) the steps which were taken by Government to repulse them and with what success; and

(c) how many intruders have been arrested so far within that period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) During the period from the 1st December, 1967 to the 30th November, 1968, Pakistani nationals intruded into Indian territory 2567 times.

(b) Regular and intensive patrolling is being carried out by our Security Forces to check Pakistani intrusions into India. These measures have proved effective in preventing major intrusions.

(c) The number of intruders apprehended during the period referred to in part (a) above is 4426.

Weather Services System

5350. SHRI D. C. SHARMA : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the weather services system in India with only one small computer meant for research at Poona

and only three storm warning radar stations at Madras, Vishakhapatnam and Calcutta, compare most unfavourably with other countries;

(b) whether it is also a fact that much of the heavy loss to life and property in North-East India resulting from the recent cyclonic storms could have been prevented had there been an adequate storm warning system;

(c) whether it is further a fact that this area has been having on an average one cyclonic storm per month since 1891; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to prevent such loss on account of storms ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH):

(a) Yes, Sir. The facilities available at present with the India Meteorological Department do not compare favourably with those of the developed countries of the world. Measures are, however, constantly under consideration, subject to availability of resources, to improve these facilities.

(b) Timely warning was given regarding heavy rainfall in North-East India early in October this year.

(c) The average number of storms striking the coast of Orissa and West Bengal is 1.5 in a year. The number affecting North Bengal is much less.

(d) It is proposed to install powerful storm-detecting radars at more stations along the coastline and to set up a Cyclone warning and Research Centre at Madras during the Fourth Plan period.

C. B. I. help for Recovery of Weapons

5351. **SHRI D. C. SHARMA :** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh have sought help from the Central Bureau of Investigation to inquire into the recovery of Pakistani weapons from the hills recently;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Central Government thereto; and

(c) the action taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Pay Revision of Panchayat Secretaries in Manipur

5352. **SHRI M. MEGHACHANDRA :** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are examining the question of pay revision of the Panchayat employees especially the Panchayat Secretaries of Manipur ;

(b) whether the Government of Manipur have also recommended their pay revision; and

(c) if so, the decision taken thereon ?

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

(a) to (c) The scales of pay of the employees working under Panchayat Department of Manipur Government had been revised on the basis of the revision of pay scales of the corresponding posts in Assam. The Government of Manipur had proposed revision of the existing pay scales of Panchayat Secretaries but this proposal was not accepted.

Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Scientists in C.S.I.R. and other Institutes

5353. **SHRI SIDDAYYA :** Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Scientists at present working in the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research and other National Institutes and Laboratories in the country ; and