

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Pakistan Government have now publicly admitted the sale of Indian property seized during the Indo-Pak conflict ;

(b) if so, the details of the properties sold ;

(c) the amount earned by Pakistan as a result thereof ; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir, they have admitted the sale of some Indian property seized in connection with the conflict.

(b) and (c). The Government of India have asked the Pakistan Government to furnish details in these respects.

(d) The Government have protested against these sales.

Award of Nishane-Pakistan to Rebel Naga Leader Phizo

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 SHRI HARDAYAL DEVGUN :
 SHRI J. K. CHOUDHURY :
 SHRI BAL RAJ MADHOK :
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 SHRI D. R. PARMAR :
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 SHRI Y. A. PRASAD :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Pakistan

have decided to award Nishane-Pakistan, its highest civilian award, to the rebel Naga Leader Phizo, who is presently living in London ; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) :

(a) and (b). Government have seen reports in the Pakistan Press suggesting that Phizo, a British subject, should be awarded Nishan-e-Pakistan for his supposed services "towards international understanding and cause of freedom". Since Phizo is now a British subject, the conferment of a Pakistani award on him is essentially a matter between Britain and Pakistan. Phizo is, however, a fugitive from Indian justice, against whom a warrant of arrest for involvement in the murder of a colleague, Mr. Sakhrie, is pending. It would be indeed strange if a person of Phizo's antecedents is considered fit for such distinction.

Radar Communication System on Eastern Border

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item in the *Indian Express* and the *March of the Nation* weekly of the 24th May, 1969, regarding connecting the entire eastern border with the radar communication for warning purposes ;

(b) the reasons for failure of Government to make any progress in this regard during the last seven years ; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SWARAN SINGH) : (a) Yes Sir ; Government have seen the news item in the *Indian Express*.