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SHRI MEETHA LAL MEENA : SHRI S. P. RAMAMOORTHY : SHRI H. AJMAL KHAN : SHRI R. K. AMIN : SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO : SHRI N. K. SOMANI :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Mr. Sukhai, the leader of the Naga Underground (Liberal) has suggested resumption of talks with the under-ground Nagas for a peaceful solution of the Naga problem;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) whether Mr. Phizo, voluntary exile in London is proposed to be associated with these talks ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) and (b). Government have received two communications from the leaders of the so called "Revolutionary" faction of the Underground Nagas proposing the resumption of talks by the Government of India. They have been advised to put forward their suggestions to the Governor and the Government of Nagaland. In this connection attention of the Hon'ble Members is invited to the reply given in the Lok Sabha to the Starred Question No. 1560 on the 7th May, 1969 where it was stated that a settlement of the Naga problem was reached in 1960, and that while all citizens of India including Nagas are free to make suggestions for the betterment of Nagaland to the Governor of the Government of Nagaland, Government of India is not contemplating any talks with any party.

(c) No, Sir. Mr. Phizo is a British National and we do not propose to allow foreigners to meddle in our internal matters.

Nuclear Power Plant at Madras

480. SHRI S. S. KOTHARI : Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Nuclear Power Plant at Madras is progressing well;

(b) if so, when it is scheduled to be completed;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this Plant is being built with indigenous technical know-how and there are no constrains on the Government with regard to the purpose for which such power plant may be used ; and

(d) whether Government would consider developing technical know-how for atomic weapons so as to keep its future options open whether to manufacture the bomb or not to do so ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF FINANCE, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND MINISTER OF PLAN-NING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) :

(v) Yes, Sir.

(b) End of 1973.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Government's nuclear policy has been stated before the House from time to time.

Allocation of Quota of Raw Films

481. SHRI YASHPAL SINGH : SHRI A. SREEDHARAN : SHRI K. LAKKAPPA :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarted Question No. 8202 on the 30th April, 1969 regarding the allocation of quota of raw films and state :

(a) whether the inquiries have since been completed by Government about the film producers who have sold their quotas of raw films to other products; and

(b) if so, the results thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK): (a) and (b). No, Sir. Information will be laid on the Table of the House shortly.

Construction of Roads in Border Areas in Northern Region

482. SHRI SHRI CHAND GOYAL : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the steps taken by Government to construct border roads in the Northern region ;