

**Recommendation of S.I.T. in Mrs. Indira Gandhi's Assassination**

\*343- SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Special Investigation Team recommended not to launch prosecutions against certain persons held by the Thakkar Commission to be involved in the assassination of Mrs. Indira Gandhi; and

(b) if so, the materials on the basis of which the Team made its recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) and (b). On the basis of the inquiries conducted by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) into the assassination case of Smt. Indira Gandhi, they did not recommend action against any people other those mentioned in the charge-sheet.

**Kedige Disease in Onion**

\*344. SHRI V KRISHNA RAO:  
SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRI-  
YAPPA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of onion has gone down in Karnataka and other parts of the country on account of the spread of kedige disease;

(b) how this disease affect the onion plant;

(c) the extent of the effect of this disease on the production of onion in Karnataka; and

(d) the steps taken to check this disease?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). A Statement is given below.

**STATEMENT**

(b) Onion plants are affected through infection of fungus which appears first on the young plant. With the advancement of the disease numerous raised blisters appear near the base of bulb leaves. The disease spreads through infected bulbs. The bulbs become black and dry up. Dark brown lesions appear within the leaves. The leaves show abnormal bending and twisting. Symptoms appear from one leaf stage of the plant and continue throughout the plant growth. The affected plants are stunted and plants die.

(c) the effect on production of onion in karnataka has been reported to be negligible due to this disease.

(d) Various steps such as use of disease free seeds/bulbs for sowing, seed treatment with Thiram or Mancozeb or Zineb at the rate of 0.2%, spraying of crop at seedling stage with Mancozeb at the rate of 0.2% and appropriate crop rotation have been adopted to check this disease.

**Resolution of N-E Provincial Council of Sri Lanka**

\*345. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL:  
SHRI UTTAM RATHOD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the reports about the North-Eastern Provincial Council of Sri Lanka resolving to convert itself into the National Assembly of Eelam;