

those circumstances, either the Prime Minister or the President or the Vice-President should be asked to preside over those celebrations so that we can assure the country that we are giving national recognition to these eminent patriots and servants of our country.

S. BUTA SINGH: What the Hon. Prof. Ranga has suggested is right. It was under the Chairmanship of Rashtrapatiji, and the Vice-President that this decision was taken that we should celebrate the birth centenary of these national leaders at the national level with the State Governments as the nodal agencies and we are following that very scheme and this decision was taken by a committee headed by Rashtrapatiji.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

News-item Regarding Nuclear Weapons with Indian Air Force

*144. SHRI KAMAL NATH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a recent report published in Defence and Foreign Affairs Weekly, London, alleging that India is inducting nuclear bombs into its Air Force and a special cell has been formed at the Air Headquarters for perfecting delivery techniques; and

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

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Yes, Sir. Government is aware of the news item.

(b) The Directorate of Public Relations in the Ministry of Defence has issued a Press Note on 4 Oct. 88 characterising the story as completely false and politically motivated.

Visit of Chinese Delegation

*147. SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Chinese delegation on Civil Aviation visited India recently and held discussion with its counterpart;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the outcome of the discussions held?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Air Services Talks held at official level between the two countries. The need for increased contacts between the national carriers to explore areas of cooperation was emphasised. Operation of charter flights as well as scheduled flights was also discussed.

Workshop on 'Police-Community Relations'

*148. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Third Workshop on 'Police-Community Relations' was held in the first week of October, 1988 at New Delhi;

(b) what were the special features and the points discussed at the Workshop; and

(c) what steps are proposed in the light of discussions held at the workshop to bring about improvements in the police and paramilitary forces?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (S. BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.