

[Shrimati Lakshmi Menon]

Deputy Commissioner, Mon and the Commandant of an Assam Rifles Battalion and his report is awaited.

It is reported that in the Mon area such incidents have not occurred before and Government officials and vehicles have hitherto been moving without escort. The BDO and his party were, therefore, travelling unescorted. It is not always possible for the Security Forces to spare men from their operational commitments to provide escorts for all touring officers or parties.

The situation in Nagaland is still disturbed and indications are that the hostile Nagas are now directing their activities against Government officials and Security Forces.

Shri Swell: Even from such little information as trickled out from the iron curtain in Nagaland it appears that the situation in Nagaland is very, very serious so much so that a Member of Parliament from Nagaland and the Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister himself, Shri Jamir, has recently pleaded before the Parliamentary Committee of the Congress Party that unless the Government of India takes immediate and urgent action in Nagaland the situation will be very, very serious. Now, in view of all this, may I know from the Prime Minister whether he will agree to the request made by the members from Nagaland and adjoining areas of Nagaland that a special debate should be allowed in this House on the security problem of Nagaland and adjoining areas?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: It is a separate matter.

Shri Swell: How can it be a separate matter? I want information from the Prime Minister whether he will agree to the debate.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: That is not a question for the Prime Minister to answer.

Shri Swell: Is it not about Nagaland?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: There are rules and orders on the subject as to how to raise a discussion. Any other questions? I find Shri Mohan Swarup is not present.

12.3½ hrs.

RE. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT
AND CALLING ATTENTION TO
MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC
IMPORTANCE

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: There is an adjournment motion and Calling Attention Notices about the Indian police patrol men being ambushed by Pakistani troops. I will ask the Defence Minister to make a statement at 4.30 P.M. today and the admissibility of the adjournment motion will be considered after he makes that statement. Now, papers to be laid on the Table.

12.04 hrs.

RE. MISSING IAF AIRCRAFT

Shri Baid (Khargone): What about the missing plane?

Shri Hem Barua (Gauhati): Sir, before you proceed to the other item, we are anxious to know about the missing plane.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Has the Minister got any information?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): Unfortunately, no trace of the missing plane has yet been found. Vigorous steps are being taken to search the missing plane both by air and by land. The progress, unfortunately, is slow because the terrain is very difficult and the weather has been bad which hampered the search. Certain ground reports and the civil reports indicate that the aircraft was last seen in the Riiasi area. The search of this area is being intensified. Immediately I get any definite information, I will inform the House.