

(c) Govt.—3 schools, one in Jheel Kurani two in Model Town.

(ii) Local Bodies—42 schools mostly in rural areas and one in Niti Marg New Delhi.

(d) A phased programme for construction of school buildings is in hand. In some cases, however, construction is held up for want of suitable land which is either not available or squatted upon by unauthorised persons.

#### Grants to Universities

1283. **Shri Jadhe:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state the names of the Universities in India to whom grants were paid during 1961-62 and the amount paid to each University (State-wise)?

**The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrivastava):** Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

12.08 hrs.

#### CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

REPORTED KILLING OF FIVE ARMY MEN AND INJURIES TO SEVERAL OTHERS BY THE NAGA HOSTILES

**Mr. Speaker:** I have received calling attention notices from 12 hon. Members: Shri Bishanchander Seth, Shri Hem Barua, Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath, Shri Nath Pai, Shri Subodh Hansda, Shri Bagri, Shri Ram Sewak Yadav, Shri P. C. Borooah, Shri Nambiar, Shri Kunkhan, Shri Raghunath Singh, Shrimati Jyotsna Chanda, Shri Basumatari and Shrimati Savitri Nigam. Now I will call upon Shri Bishanchander Seth to read it.

**Shri Tyagi (Dehra Dun):** All on one point or are there 12 points?

**Mr. Speaker:** Only on one.

**Shri Bishanchander Seth (Etah):** Under Rule 197, I beg to call the attention of the Prime Minister to the following matter of public importance and I request that he may make a statement thereon:

"Reported killing of five army men of the 4th Assam Rifles and causing injuries to several others by the Naga hostiles on the 7th May, 1962, near Kongai in Imphal."

**Shri Raghunath Singh (Varanasi):** Four non-commissioned officers and one rifleman.

**The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** On the 7th May at 9-00 hours one armed rifles column consisting of one NCO and 12 riflemen left to some column north of Unhrul, Manipur, to link up their post at Kongai, Approximately 20 miles northeast of Ukhrul this column was fired at by a gang of hostiles approximately 40 strong armed with 2 LMGs and 20 rifles. In the exchange of fire that followed the column suffered the following casualties.

Assam rifles	5
Porter	1
Wounded: Asam rifles	4
Porters	2

We do not know what the casualties precisely were of the hostiles. Our column lost also some ammunitions and rifles.

This kind of thing sometimes happens, unfortunately. In fact, it is likely to happen even more when the Naga hostiles are in difficulties and have been pushed out from their strongholds and go about in gangs committing these atrocities.

**श्री बागड़ी: (हिसार):** स्पीकर साहब, हमें हिन्दी में भी समझ लेने दीजिये। आनरेबल प्राइम मिनिस्टर साहब हिन्दुस्तानी भी जानते हैं और वे हमें हिन्दुस्तानी में बता सकते हैं।

**अध्यक्ष महोदय:** नोटिस जो था वह अंग्रेजी में था बहुत ज्यादा का, इसलिए मुझे आगे चलने दीजिये। मैं आपको कुछ बतलाने की कोशिश करूंगा।

श्री बागड़ी : सवालों का वक्त तब निकल जायेगा और हमारी समझ में कुछ नहीं आयेगा । हमें कुछ तो समझ लेना दीजिये । प्राइम मिनिस्टर साहब पहले बता सकते हैं ।

श्री बिशनचंद्र सेठ : नागालैंड को मान्यता देने के बाद भी उस क्षेत्र में शान्ति आप स्थापित नहीं कर सके हैं, इसका क्या कारण है ?

श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू : इसलिए कि कुछ लोग अशान्ति के रास्ते पर चलते जाते हैं ।

श्री बागड़ी : क्यों चलते जाते हैं, हुकूमत ने उनको दबाने के लिए क्या कदम उठाया है ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आर्डर आर्डर, श्री नाथपाई ।

Shri Nath Pai (Rajapur): Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister's reply gives the impression that the security forces are succeeding in putting these Naga rebels on the retreat and in desperation they are committing these atrocities but the facts run counter to this and, therefore, I want to ask a question. I think it was on the 10th December that more than a hundred of them succeeded in crossing the border. Now we hear of this assault on our armed forces. Is it a fact, is the impression correct, that perhaps not sufficient vigilance is being exercised by the security forces, nor are they being as alert as they should be, and this inference, therefore, in unwarrantable, as it is they who seem to have seized the initiative?

Mr. Speaker: That is a matter of opinion.

Shri Nath Pai: I want to know whether it is true that the charge that was made on the floor of the House and also in the Consultative Committee by somebody who should know is correct. It is a question of fact and not opinion. It was suggested in the Consultative Committee that the C.O.C. in charge was given specific information about the movement of the Nagas. Now this comes in the footsteps of it, and therefore I am asking whether we

are failing in exercising that degree of vigilance which is expected of us. I think the Prime Minister is giving the reply.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: What I suggested was, in the totality of circumstances I feel, and we, all of us, after having examined this matter, feel that the Naga hostiles are being hemmed in and are in a much more difficult position than at any time previously. These incidents usually happen near the Burma border and the fact that they are being driven to the Burma border and across the border is itself evidence of the fact that they are put to great difficulties. However difficult this may be, occasionally a gang may escape and commit this firing on some Assam Rifles who are going after them. It is very difficult to prevent this kind of thing happening. Now everything is quiet. But I do think that, on the whole, the Nagas have been hemmed in and the situation is better than before.

As for the other matter, those people who have escaped to Pakistan, recently we had a conference on this subject in Shillong where representatives of the military and others from here as well as from Nagaland were present for enquiring into all its aspects. And I must confess that the result of that enquiry was that there was certain lack of co-ordination and information was not given to the proper quarters with the result they managed to escape. Though steps were taken to prevent them, in the heavily wooded area they managed to escape by various devious ways in bits—all the 150 did not go together—and when they arrived near the Pakistan border they were, in a sense, protected by the firing from Pakistan across the border on our police force that was stationed there. Though about the number of them it is very difficult to say, many were killed by our firing. I have not been able to say how many because their bodies were taken away.

One question was asked, I think by Shri Nath Pai, previously about this, namely, what were the number of

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arms captured from them and where they were manufactured. They were all Indian manufactured arms cannot go into details as to the enquiry but the enquiry generally leads us to presume that the chief cause of complaint was the lack of co-ordination. Steps have been taken to remedy that, for instance, the lack of wireless equipment. Some of those small groups that were pursuing these got to know some of these facts. They could not convey that information to the other groups in time. That is being remedied now.

**Shri Hem Barua (Gauhati):** This particular incidence did not take place in Nagaland itself. It took place in Outer Manipur area. From this are we to understand that hostile activities have extended beyond the limits of Nagaland into Outer Manipur as well because of the reported news of Mr. Phizo's presence in the neighbourhood?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** What is the last sentence of the hon. Member?

**Shri Hem Barua:** There has been intensification of the activities of the hostiles as demonstrated by the fact that these activities have extended beyond the limits of Nagaland into Outer Manipur area which also is a Naga area.

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** What was the last sentence?

**Shri Hem Barua:** Have these hostile activities been intensified because of the reported news of the presence of Mr. Phizo in the neighbourhood?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** So far as we know. Mr. Phizo is not in the neighbourhood. I do not know what might have happened yesterday, but till two days ago he was not there. He was in Geneva. I think they are due to the Naga hostiles being pressed hard by our troops. They are breaking out in gangs and doing this kind of damage. They have previously been to parts of Manipur also.

**Shri S. M. Banerjee (Kanpur):** I want to know whether those Airmen who have now been released and are here in the country have been able to give some clue or more details about the hostile activities.

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** The airmen although they are generally not in a fit condition but generally healthy, nevertheless, are not quite fit. They have been kept in a hospital for some days. After they have rested a little after their very arduous experiences they will be questioned about various matters.

**Shri Nambiar (Thiruchirapalli):** In view of the fact that the activities of hostile Nagas by way of crossing into Pakistan and Pakistan is aiding them has been on the increase, may I know whether it is not found feasible to seal the NEFA-Pakistan border and prevent the danger from that source?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** As far as I remember, I may be mistaken, there is no such border.

**Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath (Hoshangabad):** Considering the intensification of activities by the Naga hostiles is it possible that our Government has issued instructions to the Armed Forces that they are dealing with this problem by methods other than military and, if so, is it a fact that the Army is more unwilling than unable to deal with this problem?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** I have not understood this. Hon. Member refers to methods other than military; in other words, political and like methods. Well, the political approach is there in the sense that we have taken various steps in regard to Nagaland and it is, apart from the Army, being controlled by an executive of the Nagas which has considerable influence but it cannot control all the hostile Nagas who are against them. Hon. Member will see—it is not a fact that I am stating but an inference—that the mere fact of their having gone to Pakistan is a way of

escape. They could not stay here. They are trying to escape to other places.... (Interruption).

**Shrimati Reau Chakravartty** (Barackpore): The Nagas said that they had given prior information. In spite of that they went across and the Army did not take notice of that.

**Shri Nath Pai**: Is it not equally true that we could not stop them from escaping and that somebody can come across the border if somebody cannot be stopped from going across the border?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru**: I have already pointed out.... (Interruption).

**Mr. Speaker**: Order, order. Now a regular discussion has started. I had allowed each of them one question.

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru**: I have already pointed out that there was no regular information that was given. A porter gave some such information. It is a wide area. He did not give the area and the route that they would follow. There were at least half a dozen routes which might have been followed.

**Shri Hem Barua**: One of them was guarded by the Army.

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru**: No, they were not. The Army did not come into contact with them. Once or twice they nearly came in contact, but they escaped. It is the police that are in contact with them. It is unfortunate. As I said it was due to lack of co-ordination which we regret greatly. My point is that the mere fact of the hundred and fifty Nagas going into Pakistan would lead one to think that they are too hard-pressed in Nagal and itself and they want to escape. They can do nothing much from Pakistan.

**Shri P. C. Borooah** (Sibsagar): May I know whether there was any occasion to suspect dereliction of duty on the part of security officers?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru**: What does the hon. Member mean by security

officers—army, intelligence people or who?

**Mr. Speaker**: He evidently means intelligence officers.

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru**: There was an unfortunate lapse in communicating the information. The previous information was too vague. It is a fairly large wooded area of about twenty square miles. When actually more information came, it could not be communicated in time by wireless. The wireless instruments were not there with the troops. That was the only way information could be communicated.

12. 22 hrs.

#### PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MAZAGON DOCK LTD. AND THE GARDEN REACH WORKSHOPS LTD.

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Defence** (Shri D. R. Chavan): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy of each of the following Reports under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:

- (i) Annual Report of the Mazagon Dock Ltd., Bombay, for the year 1960-61 along with the Audited Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor-General thereon. [Placed in Library, See No. LT-103/62].
- (ii) Annual Report of the Garden Reach Workshops Limited, Calcutta, for the year 1960-61 along with the Audited Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor-General thereon. [Placed in Library, See No. LT-104/62].