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CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS  
OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE  
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- (ii) Reported efforts of Rani Guidallo to recruit and train a so-called Liberation Army.

**Shrimati Renuka Barkataki** (Bar-peta): Sir, I beg to call the attention of the Minister of Home Affairs to the following matter of urgent public importance and I request that he may make a statement thereon:

"The reported efforts of Rani Guidallo and her followers to recruit and train a so-called 'Liberation Army' and set up operational bases in the North Cachar Hills."

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Hathi)**: From enquiries made with the State Governments of Assam, Tripura and Manipur, there is no evidence to show that Rani Guidallo and her followers are making efforts to recruit and train a "Liberation Army" and to set up an operational basis in the North Cachar Hills.

2. Reports available with the Government of Assam, however, indicate that Rani Guidallo has a private army of about 200 able-bodied men, of whom about 80 are equipped with unlicensed arms. This private army is also being strengthened by fire-arms periodically looted from villages in North Cachar Hills. It is a fact that the public of North Cachar Hills feel disturbed as a result of occasional depredations committed by Rani Guidallo and her followers. But this fear has been allayed by the Security Forces taking necessary precautionary measures in intensifying patrols and carrying out combing operations in the area. This has resulted in the prevention of such incidents and the restoration of the morale and confidence of the

people. The State Government of Assam are keeping the situation under constant watch and all necessary precautionary measures have been taken.

3. I may add that, according to information received from the State Government of Manipur, it is reported that Rani Guidallo is opposed to the spread of Christianity in her area of influence and that there is rivalry between her and Naga goondas for leadership. There has, however, been no recent incident involving Rani Guidallo in Manipur.

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**Shrimati Renuka Barkataki**: Is the Government aware of reports that the Rani's claim to be the prophetess of a new religion, the kidnappings for human sacrifice, the training of a new Liberation Army and the setting up of operational bases are only part of a planned and deep laid conspiracy with the Naga hostiles to strengthen the secessionist movement in the area by diversionary activities over an enlarged military and quasi-religions front; if so, may I know what action Government proposes to take to deal with the situation?

**Shri Hathi**: As I said, the Assam Government and the Government of Manipur have informed us that there is no question of her raising any Liberation Army. So far as her religion is concerned, she is opposed to Christianity and she wants to set up her own organisation known as *Hamarka* or such thing. There is no question of any bases or human sacrifice.

**Shrimati Renuka Barkataki**: rose—

**Mr. Deputy Speaker**: Only one question is allowed. The House stands adjourned till 11.00 A.M. tomorrow.

17.03 hrs.

*The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock on Tuesday, December, 1, 1964 (Agrahayana 10; 1886 (Saka).*