

**News Item Captioned "Rebel Mizo Leader in China"**

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\*44. **SHRI NIHAR LASKAR:**  
**SHRI TARUN GOGOI:**

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the press reports dated 21st May, 1974 under the heading "Rebel Mizo Leader in China";

(b) whether the Mizo Leader referred to therein had two rounds of talks with the Mizoram Chief Minister earlier this year; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F H MOHSIN):** (a) Yes, Sir

(b) and (c). Government are aware of the informal exchange of views between the political leaders in Mizoram and some of the Mizo underground personnel with a view to persuading the underground to give up their futile path of violence. Government, however, have no confirmed information that the Mizo rebel leaders had visited China or had met Pakistani representatives in China.

**SHRI NIHAR LASKAR:** I would like to know whether it is a fact—because there is a press report in this regard—that the Mizo leader, Mr. Lal Denga, is at the moment in Arakan area on the Indo-Burma border and is trying to have a very big offensive in the monsoon time in the Mizoram area and if so, how do Government propose to counteract this offensive.

**THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI UMA SHANKAR DIKSHIT):** The forces there are in full alert and any such development will be met with serious and adequate response.

**SHRI NIHAR LASKAR:** Is he at the moment on the Indo-Burma border—in Arakan?

**SHRI UMA SHANKAR DIKSHIT:** We have no definite information on that.

**SHRI TARUN GOGOI:** May I know from the hon. Minister whether the underground activities have not been contained and it has increased and the undergrounds are regrouping to make an offensive against the established Government?

**SHRI UMA SHANKAR DIKSHIT:** After the fairly large number of surrenders by the end of 1972, the State Government felt encouraged to take a policy of giving them a better opportunity of discussion or dialogue or create an opportunity for more people to surrender, particularly, the moderate elements in the underground. Then, there was an informal discussion with the State authorities and the Mizo underground leaders in February 1973 but there was no clear indication of their mind. Subsequently, the position remained more or less as it was and the *status quo* was maintained. In February 1974 again some informal discussion of a more serious character took place. Again, the leaders of the underground did not give any indication of their mind and they went on insisting that they would give an indication or make clear their intention to the Central Government only. Several attempts of discussion, of dialogue in order to find as to what exactly they want really did not end in any easing of the situation. Recently, the situation has not only not improved but is rather moving towards deterioration and, in the circumstances, I think we will be compelled to review our policy in the matter.

**SHRI S. M. BANERJEE:** I would like to know whether the attention of the hon. Minister has been drawn to a news report that the rebel Mizo leader, Lal Denga, is likely to enter Mizoram with some of the rebels and

if so, what is the truth about it and if there is any truth, what steps have been taken to stop their entry into Mizoram?

**SHRI UMA SHANKAR DIKSHIT:** It is not as if at some particular place we have to make some specific arrangements. The entire border area is guarded by the Border Security Forces and other forces of the State and the Central Governments.

**SHRI S. M. BANERJEE:** I wanted to know whether Lal Dengā has really tried to enter this area illegally. He never saw eye to eye with the ruling government I wanted to know whether this news was correct or not.

**SHRI UMA SHANKAR DIKSHIT:** We have no information.

**SHRI S. M. BANERJEE:** It looks as though the Minister does not read newspapers.

**SHRI MOINUL HAQUE CHOU-DHURY:** May I know from the hon. Minister whether the son of the Chief Minister of Mizoram has joined the rebels?

**MR. SPEAKER:** It has nothing to do with the main question.

**SHRI UMA SHANKAR DIKSHIT:** Yes, Sir, that is correct.

**SHRI D. BASUMATARI:** I want to know why even after the grant of statehood and a Territorial Council, the Naga and Mizo rebels are not happy. May I know whether the Government suspect the hand of any outside power or outside help for these undergrounds and if so, whether it has been found out.

**SHRI UMA SHANKAR DIKSHIT:** The hon. Member refers to Nagaland whereas the question is about Mizoram.

**SHRI D. BASUMATARI:** I have put a combined question of both Naga and Mizo underground rebels,

**SHRI UMA SHANKAR DIKSHIT:** There is a hard core among the undergrounds who have been taking a very unreasonable attitude and although their following has been dwindling, the hard core is still insisting on their old basic approach of asking for a completely independent State.

**SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU:** Is it not a fact that the different Central forces including the Army, the Border Security Force and the CRP have been creating havoc in Mizoram area for the last so many years and as a result, the people are resenting very much the central action in that context. As a result the people are resenting the Central action very much. Will the hon. Minister constitute an inquiry by a parliamentary committee to see as to how the Mizoram people are treated by the CRP and BSF?

**SHRI UMA SHANKAR DIKSHIT:** There has been no such information in our possession. If at all these forces have recently taken action, it was perhaps unduly moderate action. In any case the information which the hon. Member alleges is baseless and incorrect.

**SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU:** This hon. Minister is very good at misleading the people; he is a habitual offender. Last session I saw him apologise to the House perhaps three times. He should give correct facts. I am cautioning him. There is a reign of terror in Nagaland and Mizoram.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Next question. Shri Hazra.

#### Smuggling of Films to Foreign countries

\*45. **SHRI MANORANJAN HAZRA:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of films are being smuggled out to foreign countries and