

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: It is already there. If the hon. member is interested, I can give a copy.

SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN: May I know how much employment has been generated by having foreign collaborations and if they have not been there, what alternative source of employment would have been provided?

MR. SPEAKER: That is a separate question.

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Is it a fact that Government allowed foreign collaboration for the manufacture of even biscuits, tooth paste and radio? Does it mean we do not have enough indigenous know-how to manufacture these articles?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Not recently. These were given some-time back. We do not give for these things nowadays.

Activities of Balyogeshwar, head of Divine Light Mission

*331. **SHRI M. M. JOSEPH:**

SHRI VEKARIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the activities of Balyogeshwar have been watched by the Government in detail;

(b) whether he has been found entangled with some foreign agencies; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to investigate the affairs of Divine Light Mission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (**SHRI K. C. PANT**): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Government are aware that, besides followers in this country, the Divine Light Mission has a number of followers in some foreign countries. Gov-

ernment have no evidence of clandestine links between Balyogeshwar or the Divine Light Mission and foreign agencies. However, necessary vigilance is being maintained. Facts regarding the recent seizure of undeclared goods from a brief case forming part of Balyogeshwar's baggage, have been furnished to the House in the answer given to starred question No. 266 on 1st December, 1972, by the Minister of Revenue and Expenditure in the Ministry of Finance.

SHRI M. M. JOSEPH: It was earlier stated that more than two members from the ruling party ran to the rescue of Balyogeshwar, who is always 14 for the last one decade. I would like to know whether Balyogeshwar is recognised as the Messiah or protector of the ruling party?

MR. SPEAKER: This is not a very relevant question. Kindly put some other question.

SHRI M. M. JOSEPH: May I know whether he has any connection with CIA?

SHRI K. C. PANT: I have stated in my main reply:

"Government have no evidence of clandestine links between Balyogeshwar or the Divine Light Mission and foreign agencies. However, necessary vigilance is being maintained."

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: In this statement, the Minister has made a reference to the recent seizure of undeclared goods forming part of Balyogeshwar's baggage. May I know whether on this point the interrogation which was to have been carried out to ascertain the details of the portion of the goods which were seized, the source from which they had come, etc., and which was obstructed or frustrated by certain persons who were assisting the Balyogeshwar and did not allow the officials to interrogate him in person, has now been carried out according to the proper rules of procedure?

SHRI K. C. PANT: I do not know about the frustration part, but on the 2nd December, the interrogation of Balyogeshwar was fixed and his advocate requested for an adjournment in view of Balyogeshwar's indisposition. Then the interrogation was fixed for 4th and 5th December and the officers of the customs and Enforcement Directorate have completed the interrogation of Balyogeshwar on these two days.

SHRI N. K. SANGHI: There was a news item in the papers that the Balyogeshwar was called for interrogation at the Ashoka Hotels. Why did they take him to a posh hotel for interrogation? Why was the usual practice in such cases not followed by the customs officers in this particular case?

SHRI K. C. PANT: I was some years ago in the Finance Ministry. But I am a little out of touch with it now. So, I cannot answer that question now.

SHRI R. S. PANDEY: It is seen from the newspaper reports that certain things were brought by Balyogeshwar Maharaj, the incarnation of God, from abroad. May I know whether the activities of the Divine Light Mission are being watched? Is it a fact that the Divine Light Mission wanted to import gold from Dubai and applied for relaxation of the Gold Control Regulations for that purpose?

MR. SPEAKER: How does it arise out of this?

SHRI K. C. PANT: That question concerns the Finance Ministry.

SHRI MADHURYA HALDAR: It is mentioned in the statement:

"Government have no evidence of clandestine links between Balyogeshwar or the Divine Light Mission and foreign agencies. However, necessary vigilance is being maintained."

On the day of interrogation of the Balyogeshwar by the Finance Ministry three Members of this House went to his rescue. I want to know whether vigilance is being maintained on those Members of this House who obstructed interrogation.

MR. SPEAKER: No such questions please.

SHRI PARIPOORNANAND PAINGLI: The activities of Balyogeshwar are very much suspicious and in some cases anti-national. May I know whether it is a fact that many of the Central officers, who are disciples of these Swamis and sanyasis have built their empires and, if so, whether the government propose to restrict the association of these government servants with swamis and sanyasis?

SHRI K. C. PANT: As far as I know, this activity has not been declared unlawful. It is a registered body which is lawful. As far as I know, no action of the kind mentioned by my hon. friend has been taken.

श्री स्वामी ब्रह्मानन्द जी : अध्यक्ष महोदय, तमाम-साधुओं की तरफ से हमने इन्दिराजी से कहा था कि यह सन्यासी नहीं हैं, ठग हैं और इसको कौरन गिरफ्तार करना चाहिए।

श्री रामवतार श.स्रो : क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि डिवाइन लाइट मिशन यानी बालयोगेश्वर अपनी प्राइवेट पुलिस मेनेटेन करते हैं। और इस बात की जानकारी है तो आपने उसे रोकने की क्या कोशिश की है ?

SHRI K. C. PANT: It is true that this organisation has a voluntary corps which is trained in the use of lathis. It is generally used for the purpose of keeping order in their satsangs etc. But it is also true that during the agitation outside the *Times of India* office many persons who were followers of the Mission, indulged in ac-

tivities which were violent. As you know, a case is going on in regard to this. I cannot say categorically whether they were followers of the Mission or not, because I have not got their names. I know that the demonstration was organised in connection with something that appeared in that paper, and the sympathisers of the Mission did that.

SHRI VASANT SATHE: May I know from the hon. Minister whether he has been able to ascertain up till now as to what is the real age of Bal-geshwar?

SHRI K. C. PANT: We have not been called upon so far to do that.

MR. SPEAKER: Whether he is a bal or balak!

SHRI MOHANRAJ KALINGA-RAYAR: Lately, we have been having quite a lot of problems with sadhus, saints and divine powers. I want to suggest to the Government why they don't nationalise even this thing.

MR. SPEAKER: You are interested in it!

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Changes in A.I.R. set-up

323. **SHRI TEJA SINGH SWATANTRA:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to introduce certain changes in the A.I.R. set-up; and

(b) if so, the changes proposed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) and (b). Certain proposals for introducing administrative changes are under examination for decentralizing the organizational set-up of All India Radio.

Surrender of Naga and Mizo rebels

*324. **SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN:** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the number of Naga and Mizo rebels who have surrendered so far and the number of rebels who are still absconding?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI K. C. PANT): According to information furnished by the Government of Naga Land, 1584 Naga rebels have surrendered between 1st September and 30th November. In regard to Mizo hostiles, over 400 Mizo rebels have surrendered. Precise up-to-date figures are being ascertained from the Government of Mizoram. No definite information is available regarding either the Naga or Mizo rebels still at large. The indications, however, are that the number is not big.

Cities with telex facilities

'325. **PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of cities in India having Telex facilities;

(b) whether it is proposed to extend these facilities to certain other cities during the current and the next financial year; and

(c) the names of such cities?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) Srinagar, Amritsar, Jullundur, Chandigarh, Ludhiana, Jaipur, New Delhi, Kanpur, Lucknow, Allahabad, Calcutta, Shillong, Gauhati, Patna, Ranchi, Jamshedpur, Cuttack, Bhubaneswar, Bombay, Rajkot, Ahmedabad, Baroda, Surat, Indore, Bhopal, Nagpur, Poona, Secundrabad, Vascodegama, Madras, Vishakhapatnam, Vijaywada, Bangalore, Salem, Mangalore, Coimbatore, Calicut, Trivandrum, Madurai and Tiruchirappalli.

(b) Yes.