

(b) if so, whether the delegation has conveyed any message from Mr Phizo to our Government or has communicated the nature of the discussions and conclusions, if any, arrived at, to Government; and

(c) if so, the broad details thereof?

**The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla):** (a) Yes, Sir

(b) No, Sir The underground representatives explained that they had been sent by the Underground Nagas and would report to them on reaching Nagaland

(c) Does not arise

#### Short-Term Military Training in Border Areas

\*1041. **Shri G. S. Dhillon.** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state

(a) whether Government are considering any plans to meet the popular demand of the border Districts of Punjab for a short term military training for all able-bodied persons within 15 miles of the Indo-Pakistan border in the Districts of Gurdaspur, Ferozepur and Amritsar, and

(b) if so, whether there is any scheme under the consideration of Government to provide arms to these short-term military trainees living in the border areas at the time of any Emergency?

**The Minister of Defence (Shri Swaran Singh):** (a) and (b) A variety of schemes is available to provide military training or training involving the use of fire-arms to the people at large. These include—

- (i) The N.C.C for students
- (ii) Territorial Army
- (iii) The civilian rifle training scheme of the Ministry of Home Affairs, and
- (iv) The Home Guards.

In addition, the Ministry of Home Affairs have under consideration

scheme for a special border wing of the Home Guards designed particularly to assist in providing local security to border villages

The Districts of Gurdaspur, Ferozepur and Amritsar are covered by the four existing schemes mentioned above and would be covered more particularly by the scheme for a special border wing of the Home Guards

#### China's Reinforcement of Army along Indo-China Border

\*1042 **Shri S. S. Basi:**  
**Shri Yashpal Singh.**

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state

(a) whether Government's attention has been invited to the Press Reports that China is re-inforcing its army all along the Indo China border,

(b) whether it is also a fact that China is amassing its Red Guards on the Nefu-Tibet border, and

(c) if so, what is Government's assessment in this regard and what steps have been taken to meet the situation?

**The Minister of Defence (Shri Swaran Singh).** (a) Yes Sir

(b) Government have seen reports in the Press that the Chinese Red Guards along the NEFA border with Tibet have become active in recent months

(c) The reports received indicate that the Red Guards have been harassing Tibetans and committing various atrocities in the monasteries etc. Though this does not have a direct bearing on our security, these developments which are indicative of troubled conditions across our border are being watched along with other factors such as disposition of troops which have a direct bearing on our security. Appropriate counter measures to safeguard our security and territorial integrity are being taken.