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Monday, June 12, 1967/Jyaishta 23,
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The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock.

[Mr. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Mr. Speaker: The House will take up Questions—Shri Indrajit Gupta—Shri C. K. Bhattacharyya—Shri Atam Das—all are absent. Next Question—Shri Yashpal Singh—

Shri Yashpal Singh: Question No. 422.

Shri Swell: Sir, there are as many as four questions relating to the same subject. They are: Questions Nos. 422, 423, 439, and 445. I suggest that they may all be taken up together.

Mr. Speaker: Yes, I agree. They may be answered together.

Hostile Activities of Nagas

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*422. Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Biswanath Roy:
Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:
Shri D. N. Prasad:
Shri Arjun Singh Bhadoria:
Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:
Shrimati Jyotsna Chanda:
Shri Onkar Singh:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shri Ramachandra Veerappa:
Shri Ebrahim Sulaiman Salt:
Shri M. Rampure:
Shri N. K. Sanghi:
Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:
Shri Ram Kishan Gupta:
Shri Hukam Chand Kachwal:
Shri Jagannath Rao Joshi:
Shri Ram Singh Ayarwal:
Shri Mohan Swarup:

Shri R. Barua:
Shri C. C. Desai:
Shri K. N. Pandey:
Shri Y. A. Prasad:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
Shri Surendranath Dwivedy:
Shri Hem Barua:
Shri Nath Pal:
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shri K. Pradhani:
Shri Heerji Bhai:
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the activities of the rebel Nagas have increased since the termination of the last session of Parliament;

(b) if so, the details of each encounter which the Security Forces had with them during the months of April and May, 1967; and

(c) the steps taken to check their activities?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) There has been no overall increase in the hostile activities of the Underground Nagas since the termination of the last session of Parliament.

(b) A statement showing details of encounters between the Underground Nagas and our Security Forces, over the period from November, 1966, to May, 1967, is placed on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-601/67].

(c) The State Government has taken suitable action whenever necessary. Effective measures are also being enforced to check recurrence of such incidents. Help of the Peace Observers' Group functioning in Nagaland

has also been sought to prevent violations of the Agreement on the Suspension of Operations.

Escape of Nagas to China

*423. **Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:**
Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the large-scale escape of Naga hostiles into China through Kachinara in Burma has indicated any coalition between the hostiles and the Kachinara rebels of northern Burma;

(b) whether it is a fact that Kachinaras actually guided the Naga rebels through the difficult terrain upto China border;

(c) whether Government are aware that the Tripura border in India is 200 miles from the Chinese border, and without a proper guidance the Naga groups either would have run into Burmese territories or lost in the terrain of Burma; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to meet the situation?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) and (b). According to information available to the Government the Underground Nagas received some assistance of some Tangsa Nagas and others residing in Burma. There is no information of any formal collusion with the Kachins. It is quite likely that some groups amongst the Kachins might have helped them in their passage across Burma.

(c) The distance from the border of TIRAP (we presume TIRAP and NOT TRIPURA is meant) to the nearest point in China would be approximately 200 miles through Burmese territory.

(d) All possible measures within the limit of the resources in men and funds are being taken. However, due to difficult terrain and vastness of the area some Underground Nagas do manage to sneak in and out of India. The Burmese authorities have given all possible cooperation to us in this matter.

Chinese in Nagaland

*439. **Shri Swell:**
Shri Hom Barua:
Shri Nath Pal:
Shri Surendranath Dwivedy:
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
Shri Mahant Digvijai Nath:
Dr. Surya Prakash Puri:
Shri Y. S. Kushwah:
Shri Shiy Kumar Shastri:
Shri Raghuvir Singh Shastri:
Shri Ram Avtar Sharma:
Shri Samar Guha:
Shri Yajna Datt Sharma:
Shri Jagannath Rao Joshi:
Shri K. P. Singh Deo:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have investigated into the report that some Chinese clandestinely visited Nagaland recently;

(b) whether there is any truth in this report; and

(c) whether Government will remodel their policy towards the Naga situation in view of this new dimension?

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

(b) There is no truth in the report.

(c) Does not arise.

Cease-Fire in Nagaland

*445. **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cease-fire in Nagaland has again been extended;

(b) how long Government propose to go on extending it; and

(c) the steps taken to resolve the issue?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) The Suspension of Operations Agreement, and not cease-fire, has been extended upto 31st August, 1967.