

(ख) और (ग). जी नहीं, श्रीमान् । सीमा सुरक्षा दल कड़ी सतर्कता रखता है और उक्त क्षेत्र में नियमित गश्त लगाई जाती है। बहुत से मामलों में अपराधियों को मार्ग में रोका गया और उनसे चोरी का माल बरामद किया गया ।

MIZO HILLS

*505. SHRI YAJNA DATT SHARMA :

SHRI Y. S. KUSHWAH :
SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to hand over Mizo hills to the army to stop the present drift created by the Mizos; and

(b) if so, when the final decision is likely to be taken ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise ?

KIDNAPPING OF AN A.S.I. OF ASSAM POLICE BY PAKISTANIS.

*506. SHRI YASHPAL SINGH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether any reply from the Government of Pakistan on the kidnapping of an Assistant Sub-Inspector of Police of Assam Government from Cachar area of Goalpara District on the 18th November, 1967 has been received;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the said officer has been released by them ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise ?

(c) No, Sir.

ZONAL COUNCILS

*507. SHRI D. C. SHARMA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is proposed to re-activate the Zonal Councils; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) and (b). The Zonal Councils are functioning in accordance with the scheme of these Councils embodied in the States Reorganisation Act, 1956 and have been playing a useful role in dealing with matters of common interest. More frequent meetings of the Councils are proposed to be held.

SHORTAGE OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES IN TIRUP DIVISION

*508. SHRI KAMESHWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the hardships faced by the civilians and peace maintaining forces in Tirup Division due to the acute shortage of essential commodities; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) :

(a) Yes, Sir. Reports were received for shortage of essential articles at some places like Nampong, Vujoy Nagar, Changlang, Khonsa, Longdung, Panchen & Niauxa in Tirup District during the monsoon months. This was due to interruption of communication as a result of heavy rains in NEFA.

(b) The NEFA Administration took prompt steps to air drop essential supplies at the places which could not be reached by roads. Where land communication was available, departmental