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have asked for the appointment of a separate Governor for Nagaland. This request is under consideration.

There has been no reference from the State Government specifically relating to the 16-Point Agreement. As the Members are aware, on 26th July, 1960, Shri Jawaharlal Nehru, the then Prime Minister of India, received a delegation of 15 Naga leaders led by the late Dr. Imkongliba Ao President of the Naga People's Convention. The Delegation placed the 16-Point Memorandum before the Prime Minister. The proposals contained therein were fully examined and in keeping with the Government's policy of allowing maximum autonomy to the Nagas in their internal affairs, their request for the constitution of the Naga Hills Tuensang Area as a separate State within the Indian Union was accepted. The essentials of this Agreement were incorporated in the Constitution -vide The Constitution (Thirteenth Amendment) Act, 1962, which was passed by Parliament in 1962.

## Talks with Nagas

\*1414. SHRI C. CHITTYBABU : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a section of the underground Nagas led by Mr. Scato Swu and Mr. Kughato Sukhai is in favour of resuming talks with the Central Government for a political settlement of the Naga problem; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) No approach has been made to the Government of India.

(b) Does not arise.

## संशंख्य सेनाम्रों को दालों की सप्लाई के लिए टेंडर

\*1418. श्री हरदयाल देवगुराः क्या रक्षा मन्त्री यह बताने की क्रंपा करेंगे किः

(क) वर्ष 1967-68 में सजस्त सेनामरें को दाल की सप्लाई के लिए स्वीकृत टैंडर में दी गई दरें क्या हैं तथा ये टैंडर किन पार्टियों ने दिये थे;

(लं) क्या यह सच है कि बाजार भाव की तुलना में ये दरें ग्रांबक थीं और ये टैंडर बहुत कम पार्टियों से मांगे गये थे; और

(ग) भारतीय खाद्य निगम के माघ्यम से दोलें न खरीदने के क्या कारएा थे ?

प्रतिरक्षा मन्त्री (श्री स्वर्ग्सह) : (क) से (ग). ग्रावश्यक सूचना देने वाला एक विवरस्ग सभा के पटल पर रख दिया गया है। [पुस्तं-कालय में रखा गया। देखिये संख्या LT 1016/ 68]

## Chinese Build-up in Tibet

\*1419. SHRI ANBUCHEZHIAN : SHRI CHENGALRAYA NAIDU : SHRI SHIVA CHANĐRA JHA : SHRI SITARAM KESRI :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that the Chinese have recently massed 16 divisions in Tibet;

(b) if so, whether the massing of troops in Tibet is an indication that a fresh attack on ladia is in the offing;

(c) if so, whether the Government of India have drawn the attention of the big powers to this development; and

(d) the steps taken to meet their challenge ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHR1 SWARAN SINGH): (a) to (c). The Chinese have continued to remain in strength across our northern borders. There has been no significant change in the position of late. The threat posed thereby to our security is taken note of in our operational plans and is also brought to the notice of friendly countries from time to time as occasion may require.

## भारत में तीं॰ भाई० ए० की राष्ट्र विश्रीको गतिविधियां

\*1420. भी बुज मूचरए सांस :-