

(b) if so, what are the main points in the note;

(c) Whether the immediate or long-term safety is endangered by these defects in construction;

(d) if so, the action taken by Government to ensure that the construction firms carry out safety measures as required by the agreement as expeditiously as possible; and

(e) When the plant is likely to be commissioned?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The note draws attention to certain defects noticed in some components of the Tarapur Atomic Power Station. It suggests that adequate warranties be obtained to safeguard the Government of India's interest during the operation of the Plant and the adoption of measures for ensuring safety.

(c) and (d). Necessary repairs have been carried out at the cost of the supplier in conformity with the best technical advice available to the Atomic Energy Commission. The standards adopted for the repairs were no less stringent than those adopted elsewhere under similar circumstances. The reactor is commissioned only on its complying with the required safety criteria.

(e) The first reactor of the Power Station achieved "criticality" on February 1, 1969. Full commercial operation of the Station at 380 MWe is expected to be achieved by July this year.

**Detention of the "Indian Express" Chief Editor by the Chinese in Nepal.**

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SHRI S. M. BANERJEE:  
DR. SUSHILA NAYAR:  
SHRI J. B. SINGH:  
SHRI SHARDA NAND:  
SHRI SHRI GOPAL SABOO:  
SHRI P. VISWAMBHARAN:  
SHRI SURENDRANATH DWI-  
VEDY:  
SHRI D. C. SHARMA:  
KUMARI KAMLA KUMARI:  
SHRI RANJIT SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Editor-in-chief of the "Indian Express" was detained and insulted by the Chinese Nationals in Nepal during his visit to that country in January, 1969; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in regard thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) According to our information the Editor-in-Chief was held up and harassed on the Kathmandu-Kodari Road by some Chinese technicians moving in Nepal.

(b) The matter was promptly taken up with the Nepalese authorities who took necessary action in the matter.

#### Naga Truce Period

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SHRI R. BARUA:  
SHRI P. C. ADICHAN:  
SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH:  
SHRI S. S. KOTHARI:  
SHRI BENI SHANKAR  
SHARMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that Naga truce period has been further extended and