

(b) whether it is also a fact that many senior officers of Government of India have been granted extension after completing the age of 58 years during the last two years;

(c) whether opportunities of employment for young men will not be marred by such extensions; and

(d) whether Government propose to adopt a stricter policy in regard to the grant of extensions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. D. PATIL): (a) Prime Minister has from time to time stated Government's aim to remove unemployment from the country within a decade.

(b) Extensions have been granted in a few cases generally on grounds of public interest.

(c) As instances of grant of extension are few, they will not have any impact on the employment opportunities of the youth.

(d) Government is already following a strict policy in this regard. Extension of service is granted only in rare and exceptional cases.

Article in 'Blitz' regarding Tripura

1577. SHRIMATI SUSHILA SHANKAR ADIVAREKAR: SHRI SWAMI DINESH CHANDRA;

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Central Government's attention has been drawn to the article captioned, "Plot to tear Tripura off India scotched", published in the 'Blitz' dated the 10th February, 1979;

(b) whether the Central Government have made any enquiries into the alleged plot; and

(c) if so, the results of such enquiries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. D. PATIL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Central Government have no evidence of foreign hand or foreign finance behind the agitation sponsored by Tripura Upjati Yuba Samiti.

1578. [Transferred to the 20th March, 1979]

Road accidents in Delhi

1579. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to newspaper reports, Delhi leads in fatal road accidents;

(b) if so, what are the classified figures of fatal accidents and those involving seriously injured persons for 1976-77, 1977-78 and 1978-79; and

(c) what measures Government propose to take to reduce the road accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. D. PATIL): (a) The figures of road accidents and other relevant details for the major cities of the country are not readily available to come to any conclusion in this regard.

(b) The relevant figures about Delhi are as under: —

Year	Accidents in which persons received injuries	Fatal accidents
1-4-76 to 31-3-1977	2,792	586

(c) The following measures have been taken to minimise the road ac-