

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news report which appeared in 'The Times of India' of the 24th September 1977 to the effect that the residence of an Indian High Commission Official in London had been stoned; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJ-PAYEE : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On the 22nd September 1977, around 7.30 p.m. a group of not more than 10 boys between the ages of 14-18, threw stones, broke some glass-panes and kicked and banged garage doors of Jawaharbagh flats, a block of apartments owned by the Government of India in South London area called Lewisham. This is mostly occupied by Junior-level officials. The wife of our Attache (Commercial) Smt. Verghese, was returning to her flat with her sister after her shopping and came across this group of miscreants who were returning from Jawaharbagh. They spat and threw stones at Smt. Verghese and her sister. One stone hit Smt. Verghese on the elbow and another hit her sister on the foot. Neither of them sustained any abrasions or bleeding wounds.

Again at 10.00 p.m. on the same day, some miscreants pelted stones which resulted in breakage of some glass-panes.

Unsatisfactory Telegraph Service in the Country

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SHRIMATI SAROJ
KHAPARDE :
SHRI IBRAHIM KALANIYA:
SHRI KHURSHED ALAM
KHAN :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the growing unsatisfactory telegraph service in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that there are unusual delays in the delivery of telegrams at destinations; and

(c) if so, what action Government have taken to remedy the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BRIJ LAL VERMA):

(a) Telegraph service in the country has not deteriorated.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Shifting of National Labour Institute to Poona

*144. SHRI GULAB RAO PATIL:
SHRI DEVENDRANATH
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SHRIMATI SUSHILA
SHANKAR ADIVAREKAR :
SHRI VITHAL GADGIL :

Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to change the decision for locating the National Labour Institute at Poona; and

(b) if not, by when the Institute is likely to be shifted to Poona ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR (SHRI DAVENDRA VARMA) : (a) and (b) The entire question of permanent location of the National Labour Institute is under examination of Government.