

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI Y. B. GHAVAN) : (a) to (c) Lawlessness on the part of extremists in West Bengal has been largely confined to the districts of Mednapore, 24-Par-ganas and Calcutta. Extremist activities have also come to notice in certain other districts. A letter has been received from the State Government in this regard suggesting certain legislative measures to counter the extremist activities. The matter is under consideration.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES DEPUTED TO GANDHI DARSHAN

*372. SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state :

(a) the list of officers and employees of Government and other official organisations deputed to the National Committee for Gandhi Centenary and Gandhi Darshan between April, 1967 and December, 1969 together with their designations, job descriptions and salaries; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the confidential rolls of these Government servants will be written by the politician, heading the NCGC and Gandhi Darshan?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (PROF. V. K. R. V. RAO) : (a) and (b) The information is being obtained and will be placed on the Table of the House.

MONOPOLY IN HOTEL INDUSTRY

*373. DR. (MRS.) MANGLADEVI TALWAR : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether M/s. Oh iroi Hotels enjoy monopoly in hotel industry in the country; and

(b) if so, the reasons for allowing further expansion to them and what steps are being taken to encourage other people in this industry?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) : (a) They are the largest hotel chain operators in India, but do not enjoy any monopoly.

(b) Hotel accommodation in the country for foreign tourists is altogether inadequate.

quate. To fill this gap, Government has announced various incentives as also liberal financial help in the shape of loans. These benefits are available to all private parties setting up hotel projects approved by the Department of Tourism-

AIR FREIGHT CONCESSION TO COTTON HANDLOOM TEXTILES

*374. SHRI B. V. ABDULLA KOYA : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government have received any memorandum from the North Malabar Chamber of Commerce, Cannanore (Kerala), requesting for air freight concession to cotton handloom textiles; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to allow the said concession; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) For domestic shipments, Indian Air lines have already introduced special bulk and commodity rates on a number of sectors including to and from Cochin and Bangalore. These rates are applicable to all commodities. Indian Airlines also offer discount upto 40-50% on the basic cargo rates for commodity or bulk cargo on certain routes. The bulk reduced rates and commodity rates can be combined with each other and basic cargo rates.

स्टेट्समैन, कलकत्ता के मुख्य सम्पादक को धमकी

*375. श्री लाल आडवाणी :

श्री सुन्दर सिंह भंडारी :

श्री नवल किशोर :

श्री वनेशी लाल चौधरी :

क्या गृह-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कलकत्ता के दैनिक स्टेट्समैन के मुख्य सम्पादक को नक्सल-पन्थियों ने हाल में इस आशय की धमकी दी है कि यदि उनके विरुद्ध आलोचनात्मक लेखों

का प्रकाशन बन्द नहीं किया गया तो "स्टेट्समैन" के कार्यालय पर हमला किया जायेगा; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है और इस सम्बन्ध में क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं और उठाये जाने वाले हैं ?

-([THREAT TO CHIEF EDITOR OF STATESMAN, CALCUTTA])

*375- SHRI LAL K. ADVANI : SHRI SUNDAR SINGH BHAISDARI: SHRI IAWAL KISHORE : SHRI (ANESHI LAL CHAUDHARY)

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Naxa-lites have recently given a threat to the Chief Editor of the 'Statesman' daily of Calcutta to the effect that if publication of critical articles against them is not stopped the office of the Statesman would be attacked; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto and the details of the steps taken and proposed to be taken in this regard ?]

गृह-कार्य मंत्री (श्री बाई० बी० चव्हाण) : (क) जी हां, श्रीमान् ।

(ख) राज्य सरकार ने इस सम्बन्ध में उचित प्रबन्ध किये हैं । 29 अप्रैल 1970 को एक ध्यान आकर्षण प्रस्ताव के उत्तर में इस सदन में दिये गये वक्तव्य की ओर ध्यान आकर्षित किया जाता है ।

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government have made suitable arrangements in this behalf. Attention is also invited to the statement made in this House in response to a Calling Attention Notice on 29th April, 1970.]

[] English translation.

*376- [Transferred to the 14th May, 1970]

SECOND SHIP-BUILDING YARD AT COCHIN

*377- SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHA-RAN : Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of Kerala in his recent talks in New Delhi with the Central leaders, urged the construction of the Second Ship-building yard at Cochin as early as possible; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government of India thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI K. RAGHURAMAIAH) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Based on the Revised Project Report prepared by M/s. Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Limited, Japan in March-June 1969, the Government approved the revised cost estimates of the Project at Rs. 45-42 crores in October, 1969. Preliminary discussions have been held with the officials of M/s. Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Limited in January/ February, 1970 at New Delhi with a view to concluding an official contract with them covering their technical collaboration in the construction of the Shipyard. Further discussions in this regard are proposed to be held in Tokyo with M/s. Mitsubishi Heavy Industries shortly with a view to finalising and concluding a formal agreement for the firm's technical collaboration in the construction of the Shipyard.

DEVELOPMENT OF KOVALAM IN KERALA

*378. SHRI G. GOPINATHAN NAIR: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the main features of the project for the development of Kovalam in Kerala as a tourist centre; and

(b) the progress made so far in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) : (a) The main features of the project are the construction of a 100-room Hotel, 40 Cottages, a Beach Centre with a Cafeteria, shops, an Open-air Theatre, a Yoga-cum-massage Centre and provision of facilities for aquatic sports.