

with the Minister of External Affairs. There has been no change in the position of the Government as conveyed to the House on 19th December, 1967 in reply to Unstarred Question No. 1321. The Government of India are ready to sponsor Bhutan for the membership of the U.N. whenever Bhutan expresses her readiness to assume the responsibilities and obligations of such membership.]

NATIONALISATION OF FOREIGN-OWNED PLANTATIONS

*403. SHRI SWAISINGH SISODIA : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any representations for the nationalisation of foreign-owned plantations in the country; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) and (b) Nationalisation of foreign-owned plantations has been suggested on occasions. But Government have not considered it necessary to nationalise them.

†HOSTILE NAGA ACTIVITIES ON INDO-BURMA BORDER

*376. SHR NAWAL KISHORE :
SHRI GANESHI LAL CHAUDHARY :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that indoctrinated and well-armed Burmese Nagas have renewed their insurgent activities at China's behest thus creating a fresh danger along Indo-Burma Border; and

(b) if so, what steps the Government of India propose to take to curb their activities?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : a) Government are aware of Press reports of that effect.

(b) Our Security Forces are vigilant. There is no evidence so far of any extraordinary development on the border arising from the activities of the Burmese Nagas.

†Transferred from the 13th May, 1970.

†PRESS REPRESENTATIVE KILLED IN BHUTAN

*419. SHRI MULKA GOVINDA REDDY : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a representative of a Delhi Press Agency was killed in Bhutan on the 28th April, 1970.

(b) if so, the details of the incident; and

(c) whether Government have made any arrangement to give compensation to the family members of the deceased?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) and (b) Shri Pankaj Lal Sharma, Correspondent of *Samachar Bharati* was killed in an accident, when a huge boulder rolled down from the mountain over the jeep carrying Shri Pankaj Lal Sharma between Thimpu and Phuntsoling.

(c) Government of India have decided to give Rs. 10,000 to the next of kin of Shri Sharma, who was a bachelor.

710. [Transferred to the 20th May, 1970]

IMPORT OF PRINTING MACHINERIES

711. SHRI THILLAI VILLALAN :
SHRI G. A. APPAN :
SHRI S. SIVAPRAKASAM :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to ease the restrictions on the import of printing machineries in order to give incentive to the printing industry; and

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

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT)

(a) There is no proposal under consideration of Government to alter existing import policy of meeting the requirements of printing industry, within the available foreign exchange resources, in respect of printing machineries not available in the country.

(b) Does not arise.

712. [Transferred to the 18th May, 1970]

713. [Transferred to the 20th May, 1970]

†Transferred from the 15th May, 1970.