

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) and (b) A statement is placed on the Table of the House.] [See Appendix LXIX, Annexure No. 50.]

CLASH WITH PAKISTANIS IN KASHMIR

604. SHRI B. K. MAHANTI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a group of armed Pakistanis clashed with Indian Security Forces in Garh Village, 35 miles from Jammu on 19th June 1969 ; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the incident ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH) : (a) and (b) On the 18th June 1969, our security forces opened fire on Pakistani intruders who were trying to carry away cattle from our side of the border, near Garh village, approximately 7 miles south-west of Jaurian. One Pakistani was killed, and the others fled across the border. There was no such incident on the 19th June.

605. [Transferred to the 6th August, 1969.]

PUBLICATION OF SAINIK SAMACHAR

606. SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHARAN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of languages in which Sainik Samachar is published and what is the circulation of each language publication ; and

(b) the total loss annually suffered by Government in the publication ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH) : (a) The 'Sainik Samachar' is published in nine languages and its circulation language-wise as per print order for the issue dated July 27, 1969 was as follows :—

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| 1. English | 4,889 |
| 2. Urdu | 825 |
| 3. Hindi | 10,464 |
| 4. Punjabi | 4,124 |
| 5. Tamil | 1,216 |
| 6. Telugu | 520 |
| 7. Marathi | 1,786 |

†[] English translation.

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| 8. Gorkhali | 526 |
| 9. Malayalam | 2,736 |

(b) The journal is being published since 1909 as a welfare measure for dissemination of information primarily to the Armed Forces personnel. The accounts are not therefore maintained on a commercial basis. However, the average annual expenditure incurred by Government during the last three years for bringing out the publication was about Rs. 8.5 lakhs.

INFILTRATION OF CHINESE TROOPS INTO INDIA THROUGH NORTH BURMA AND CHINESE ASSISTANCE TO UNDERGROUND NAGAS

607. SARDAR RAM SINGH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chinese troops are in possession of some territories in North Burma and are slowly infiltrating towards the Indian territory ;

(b) whether the Chinese underground base in North Burma has increased assistance to the underground Nagas resulting in their increased activities ; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of the Government of India in the matter ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) to (c) The question raises some matters which are within the sovereign jurisdiction of the Government of Burma. Facts regarding the assistance given by the Chinese to the underground Indian Nagas and the passage of Indian Naga gangs through North Burma have been given in the House on several occasions in the past. The Chinese have been assisting the underground Indian Nagas from their bases in Yunnan. Some lawless elements in North Burma have in the past, rendered assistance to the underground Indian Nagas during their passage through North Burma. Government is aware of these developments and continues to deal with the situation effectively. We have received timely information from the Government of Burma who have themselves taken appropriate action to curb such unlawful activities which have now decreased and not increased.