

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) : (a) and (b). The Government of India has recognised the fact that unless all the agencies concerned, such as the relevant Ministries/Departments of Central Government, State Governments and travel trade, are directly involved in the task, no headway can be made in developing or promoting tourism in the country. In order to maintain close liaison and to channelise all efforts in a co-ordinated and concerted manner, the Central Government set up the Tourist Development Council 10 years ago. This is a high-level advisory body which meets once a year under the Chairmanship of the Union Minister of Tourism and has as its members State Ministers of Tourism. Members of Parliament, members of the public and representatives of the travel trade. Its recommendations form the guide-lines in building up the tourist industry in the country.

Apart from the Tourist Development Council, discussions with the State Governments on regional basis and with members of travel trade are held by the Department of Tourism from time to time to resolve problems facing the tourist industry, and to review the progress in the implementation of the various measures recommended by the Tourist Development Council.

मिजो पहाड़ियों में रहने वाले व्यक्तियों को हथियारों का दिया जाना

1129. श्री जगत नारायण : क्या गृह-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि केन्द्रीय सरकार ने मिजो पहाड़ी जिले में संरक्षित गाँवों के लोगों को हथियार देने का निर्णय किया है ताकि वे विद्रोही नागाओं के अत्याचारों से अपनी रक्षा कर सकें ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिए क्या उपाय किए गए हैं कि ये हथियार हमारी अपनी सेना के विरुद्ध प्रयोग न किए जा सकें; और

(ग) क्या हथियार देने से पहिले इन लोगों को कोई प्रशिक्षण दिया गया था ?

t [ARMING OF PEOPLE LIVING IN MIZO HILLS

1129. SHRI JAGAT NARAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government have decided to supply arms to the people of the protected villages in Mizo Hills District to enable them to defend themselves against the atrocities of the Naga hostiles;

(b) if so, what measures have been taken to ensure that these arms are not used against our security forces; and

(c) whether any training was given to these people before arming them?]

गृह-कार्य मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री के० एस० रामस्वामी) : (क) से (ग) मिजो पहाड़ी जिले में चुने हुए गाँवों में शस्त्र और प्रशिक्षण देकर सहायता करने की योजना ताकि वे मिजो विद्रोहियों के आक्रमणों से अपना बचाव कर सकें, कार्यान्वित की जा रही है। यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिए कि इस सहायता का दुरुपयोग न हो, हर प्रकार से सावधानी बरती जाती है।

t [THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI K. S. RAMASWAMY) : (a) to (c). The scheme to provide assistance by way of arms and training to selected villages in the Mizo Hills District, so that they can protect themselves against attacks by the Mizo hostiles, is being implemented. Every care is taken to ensure that this assistance is not misused.]

CRIMES IN D.T.U. BUSES

1130. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that crimes in D. T. U. buses have gone up during the past one year or so;

t [] English translation.