

The outbreak of fire was at 14.45 hours, that is 2.45 P.M. The message was received at the Delhi Fire Service headquarters at 14.55 hours, that is, ten minutes after that. The Hindu Rao reservoir was informed to open water-supply at 14.57 hours. Two units reached the place of occurrence at 14.59 hours. After that more units kept on reaching.

SHRI BABUBHAI M. CHINAI : May I know whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to a news item appearing at the time of this fire about one Mr. Subramaniam? May I know whether the hon. Minister would enlighten us whether any examination has been made in connection with this report whether it is true or not? If it is true, what steps have Government taken?

SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA : I am not aware of this news item he is making a reference to. If he gives me particulars of the news item and what it referred to, I would say something about it.

SEPARATE GOVERNOR FOR NAGALAND

*567. **SHRI R. P. KHAITAN :** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question No. 104 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st May, 1968; and state :

(a) whether Government have since taken a final decision on the demand of the Nagaland Assembly for a separate Governor of Nagaland; and

(b) if so, whether a separate Governor is being appointed?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN) : (a) and (b) Government have not agreed to the demand for the appointment of a separate Governor for Nagaland.

श्री आर० पी० खेतान : माननीय मंत्री जी से यह पूछना चाहता हूँ कि जब सारे राज्यों में अपने अपने राज्यपाल हैं, हरियाणा जो अभी नया राज्य बना है उसके लिए राज्यपाल नियुक्त हुए हैं तो नागालैंड जिसका बहुत दिनों से डिमान्ड

चल रही है कि एक गवर्नर उनके लिए बनाया जाय, इसमें सरकार को क्या हिचकिचाहट है जिसकी वजह से यह नहीं हुआ है?

SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN : This question was very much debated when the Nagaland State Bill itself was discussed and debated on the floor of the House. The then Prime Minister had said that there was nothing to prevent Nagaland from having a separate Governor. Our own assessment for the present is that one Governor is a facility for both the States.

SHRI A. P. JAIN : The Eastern region has a number of independent political units, some Central territories and others States—Assam, Manipur, Tripura and Nagaland. Have the Government examined the possibility of having a common Governor in order to establish some sort of geo-political unity?

SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN : Sir, Government has not considered the question having a common Governor for all the areas, but in the context of Assam reorganisation, having some sort of an advisory body for the purposes of planning and attending to the problems of security is under examination. But the Government has not come to any conclusion.

*568. [Transferred to the 27th August, 1968.]

*569. [The questioner (Shri B. D. Khobaragade) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 3804-3805 infra.]

*570. [The questioner (Sardar Narindar Singh Brar) was absent. For answer, vide col. 3805 infra.]

*571. [The questioner (Dr. (Mrs.) Mangladevi Talwar) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 3805-3806 infra.]

UPGRADING OF THE REGIONAL ENGINEERING COLLEGE, ROURKELA

*572. **SHRI BANKA BEHARY DAS :** Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Orissa have proposed to the Government of India to upgrade the Regional