

t[THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MATI INDIRA GANDHI) :

(a) Government of India have no information regarding the reported entry into Nagaland of Mr. Michael Ross who is described by the London Newspaper "The Observer" as their special correspondent. However, Government are aware that a foreign tourist bearing another name who was given a permit to visit the Kaziranga games sanctuary in Assam, did secretly visit Nagaland some time in January, 1968. Attempts were made by the District Authorities to apprehend him but he managed to escape.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The article was published in "The Observer" in its issue of 16th June, 1968. The article contains several statements which have not been substantiated and are even inconsistent. It is quite apparent that the article is biased in favour of the Underground Nagas and is evidently motivated to bolster up their sagging morale. There is no truth in the allegations against our Security Forces.

(d) Government have tightened up security, patrolling and intelligence machinery to prevent the recurrence of such unauthorised entry.]

t [OBSERVATIONS OF ROBERT DIXON CRANE REGARDING NAGA REBELLION

नागा विद्रोह के सम्बन्ध में राबर्ट डिक्सन क्रैन के विचार

1185. श्री राजनारायण : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगी कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि 23 जून, 1968 के लण्डन 'आबजर्वर' में श्री राबर्ट डिक्सन क्रैन ने नागा विद्रोह के बारे में कुछ आपत्तिजनक बातें कही हैं ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि श्री डिक्सन क्रैन सी०आई०ए० से सम्बन्धित हैं और उनके लेख से नागा विद्रोह के सम्बन्ध में अमरीकी नीति में उलटफेर की संभावना झलकती है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार की प्रतिक्रिया क्या है ?

1185. SHRI RAJNARAIN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that one Mr. Robert Dixon Crane has made some objectionable observations in the London 'Observer', dated the 23rd June, 1968 regarding Naga rebellion ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Mr. Dixon Crane is connected with the C.I.A. and his article reflects the possibility of shift in the U. S. policy regarding Naga rebellion ; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this regard?]

प्रधान मंत्री (श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) सरकार को सम्बद्ध व्यक्ति के किसी गुप्त लगाव के बारे में जानकारी नहीं है । भारत में अमरीकी राजदूत ने हाल ही में जैसा कि कहा था, अमरीकी सरकार नागालैंड को भारत के एक अविभाज्य अंग के रूप में मानती है ।

(ग) नागालैंड भारत संघ का एक अंग राज्य है । भारत के आंतरिक मामलों में किसी भी विदेशी हस्तक्षेप को भारत सरकार स्वीकार नहीं करेगी ।

t[THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have no information about the background affiliations of the person. As stated recently by the U.S. Ambassador in India, the U.S. Government recognizes Nagaland as an inseparable part of India.

(c) Nagaland is one of the Constituent States of the Indian Union. Government of India will not allow any foreign interference in India's domestic affairs.]

PLANNING BODIES FOR STATES

1186. SHRI THILLAI VILLALAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up planning bodies for each State ?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : Attention of the States has been drawn to the

t[] English translation.