

(c) Some experiments on cloud seeding in India on a limited basis have been conducted. The feasibility of conducting further experiments on these lines is being investigated.

STATEMENT BY SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN AT THE GANDHIAN INSTITUTE

*717. SHRI KRISHAN KANT:

SHRI ARJUN ARORA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the speech of Shri Jai Prakash Narain at a seminar organised by the Gandhian Institute of Studies wherein he said that his experience of the administrative rules and procedure during the relief operations in famine-stricken areas of Bihar was "heart breaking"; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) In September, 1967 the Gandhian Institute of Studies, Varanasi, organised a seminar to discuss the report submitted to the Administrative Reforms Commission by its Study Team on District Administration. In his opening remarks at the seminar, Shri Jai Prakash Narain is understood to have made a statement of the nature referred to in the question.

The Administrative Reforms Commission is going into the whole question of the reform of the administrative system.

DELHI FAZILKA NATIONAL HIGHWAY

*718. KUMARI SHANTA VASISHT: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi-Fazilka National Highway was badly damaged between Bahadurgarh and Rohtak during the last rainy season; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to repair this portion of the National Highway No. 10?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING (SHRI BHAKT DARSAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Immediate repairs to the road have been carried out to keep the traffic going. Permanent remedial measures are under consideration.

दिल्ली परिवहन के निदेशक के खिलाफ आरोप

*719. श्री श्रीकृष्ण दत्त पालीवाल : क्या परिवहन तथा नौवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान बम्बई में प्रकाशित होने वाले अंग्रेजी साप्ताहिक "ब्लिट्ज़" में हाल ही में छपे 'प्रोब दिस रैकेट' शीर्षक उस समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है, जिसमें दिल्ली परिवहन के निदेशक के खिलाफ कई तरह की अनियमितताओं का आरोप लगाया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने इस विषय में कोई जांच की है ; और

(ग) यदि उपरोक्त भाग (ख) का उत्तर 'हां' हो, तो इसके क्या निष्कर्ष निकले ?

†[CHARGES AGAINST DIRECTOR, DELHI TRANSPORT

*719. SHRI S. K. D. PALIWAL: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item recently published in the English weekly "Blitz" of Bombay under the caption 'Probe his racket' wherein charges of different types of irregularities have been levelled against the Director of the Delhi Transport ;

(b) if so, whether Government have instituted an enquiry in the matter ; and

†[] English translation.

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative, what are the findings thereof?]

परिवहन तथा नौवहन मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री भक्त दर्शन) : (क) जी हां, श्रीमन् ।

(ख) और (ग) चूंकि संबंधित अधिकारी दिल्ली प्रशासन के अधीन काम कर रहे हैं, अतः अपेक्षित सूचना उस प्रशासन से मांगी जा रही है और प्राप्त होने पर सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING (SHRI BHAKT DARSHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Since the Officer concerned is working under the Delhi Administration, the information required is being obtained from them and will be laid on the table of the House, when received.]

BRITISH INTELLIGENCE AGENCY IN ASHOKA HOTEL

*720. DR. (MRS.) MANGLADEVI TALWAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that British Intelligence Agency is operating in India under the name of International Services in Ashoka Hotel, New Delhi ; and

(b) if so, whether the said Agency spends large sums of money every month on entertainment of high Government officials and Army Officers?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) Government have no such information.

RECOVERY OF AMMUNITION FROM GANGA CANAL

*721. SHRI BANKA BEHARY DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

†[] English translation.

(a) how many times there has been recovery of ammunition bearing military markings from the Ganga Canal bed near Roorkee during the recent past ; and

(b) the places from where these have been stolen and what steps have been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) :

(a) Twice ; once in August and a second time in November, 1967.

(b) The Military Authorities have ordered a Court of Enquiry which is investigating into the matter with the assistance of the civil authorities. The report of the Court of Enquiry is awaited. Suitable further security measures will be taken in the light of the report of the Court of Enquiry.

ADMISSION OF ENGINEERING DIPLOMA HOLDERS IN DEGREE COURSES

*722 SHRI B. C. PATTANAYAK : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the Universities/ Institutes/Engineering Colleges in the Country which admit Engineering diploma holders :—

(i) In the 3rd year of 5-Year integrated Degree Courses ;

(ii) in the 2nd year of the 4-Year Degree Course ;

(iii) to the 3-Year Condensed Degree Courses ; and

(b) what is the intake in the various courses in those Colleges/Institutes?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (DR. TRIGUNA SEN) : (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.