

in January, 1967 the Government of Uttar Pradesh which is the appropriate Government for this purpose, was requested to consider the Union's claim for recognition.

(c) and (d) The subject matter of the complaint falls within the jurisdiction of the Government of Uttar Pradesh which is already seized of it.

637. [Transferred to the 15th June, 1967].

**DR. D. V. PARAB'S HELICOPTER TRIP
FROM KAZA STATION TO SIMLA**

638. SHRI A. D. MANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on April 1 last a helicopter was used to transport Dr. D. V. Parab from Kaza Station to Simla in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, how much did the trip cost the P&T Department; and

(c) whether similar assistance has been given to other employees in the past?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes, Sir, an I.A.F. helicopter was specially used on 31st March last to air-lift Shri D. V. Parab, Wireless Operator at Kaza to Chandigarh.

(b) The expenditure would be about Rs. 10,000.

(c) There has been no such occasion in the past. In this case, however, the official suddenly had a heart attack. No medical aid was available at Kaza or near about. This emergency called for an immediate action and arrangement to air-lift him to Chandigarh, where adequate medical facilities were available.

VACANT POSTS FOR SCIENTISTS

639. SHRI A. D. MANI: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dr. Husain Zaheer made a statement at Delhi recently to the effect that 4500 posts for scientists are lying vacant in the country; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to recruit scientists for these jobs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD): (a) According to Press reports, Dr. Husain Zaheer made such a statement at a recent Seminar organised by the Harvard Club. Government have no information regarding the statement apart from what has appeared in the Press.

(b) In so far as Government Departments/Organisations are concerned, the vacant posts are being filled in the normal way in accordance with the prescribed rules for recruitment to the concerned posts.

ORGANISATIONS RECEIVING CIA. FUNDS

640. SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA:
SHRI UTTAM SINGH
DUGAL: DR. (MRS.)
MANGLADEVI
TALWAR: SHRI M. C.
SHAH: SHRI A. P. CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a statement by Shri Minoo Masani, Indian President of the Congress for Cultural Relations, published in the daily papers of May 11th, to the effect that this organisation has been receiving funds from the C.I.A.; and

(b) if so, whether an investigation has been held within this country as to find out which organisations and individuals receive C.I.A. funds?