

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI M. C. CHAGLA): (a) We have seen Press reports to this effect but have not received any communication from the Underground Naga leadership.

(b) It is not considered necessary to take cognisance of such reports.

u-) Nagaland is an integral part of India, and there is no question of any one part of the country entering into foreign relations with other countries.

FOREIGN COLLABORATION IN THE EXPANSION OF T. V.

*450. SHRI M. S. OBEROI:
PROF. SATYAVRATA SIDDHANTALANKAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the names of the foreign collaborations in the expansion of Television in India?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH): Proposals for foreign collaboration for the limited purpose of indigenous manufacture of TV studio and transmitting equipment are under consideration. Final decision has not been taken. Offers were invited by Bharat Electronics from the following firms: —

1. M/s. Marconi, U.K.
2. M/s. Pye Ltd., U.K.
3. M/s. Nippon Electric Co. Ltd., Japan.
4. M/s. Radio Corporation of America, USA.
5. M/s. International General Electric, USA.
6. German Democratic Republic, East Germany.
7. M/s. Fernseh GMBH, Germany.
8. M/s. Campagne Generale de Telegraphic Sans Fil, France.
9. M/s. Elektroimpex, Hungary.

OF CLOSURE OF BANIHAL ROAD

*282. SHRI GULAM NABI UNTOO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state whether the Banihal Road which is the only link road between Srinagar and the rest of the country was closed to traffic for about a week during March-April, 1967?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT): The road between Udhampur and Banihal remained closed from the 25th March, 1967 to the 6th April, 1967 on account of many landslides caused by heavy rains and snow and the collapse of a bridge due to fall of boulders and rock slides.

KALPAKAM ATOMIC POWER STATION

*451. SHRI M. V. BHADRAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether negotiations with France for financial aid for the Kalpakam Atomic Power Station have been concluded; and

(b) if so, the results thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER (DR. SHRIMATI SAROJINI MAHISHI): (a) and (b) Exploratory talks last year with the Government of France for a loan to cover the foreign exchange component of the cost of the Madras (Kalpakkam) Atomic Power Station were not successful.

MILITARY PREPARATION IN PAKISTAN

*452. SHRI M. N. KAUL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the military preparations in Pakistan; and

(b) what steps Government are taking to meet the threat that has arisen as a result of these preparations?

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