

pur, Delhi-Lucknow, Delhi-Agra, Delhi-Patna and Delhi-Jaipur due to very heavy traffic congestion, certain amount of delay occurs in getting through the calls. On other routes, like New Delhi-Meerut, New Delhi-Jullundur, New Delhi-Simla and New Delhi-Ahmedabad little or no delay is reported to be there.

(b) These delays are primarily due to shortage of long distance transmission channels on these routes. Projects are already in hand for increasing the channels capacity on all routes mentioned above.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHANCELLORS

*525. SHRI JAGAT NARAIN: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts made so far to evolve an all-India policy with regard to the appointment of Vice-Chancellors of Universities in consultation with the University Grants Commission; and

(b) the results achieved so far?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (DR. TRIGUNA SEN): (a) and (b) The report of the Model Act Committee, which included recommendations on the method of appointment of Vice-Chancellors, was sent to the State Governments and their reactions are awaited. The Education Commission in its report has also made recommendations on this subject. It is hoped that an all-India policy in this matter will be evolved in the light of the views expressed by the State Governments and the decisions taken on the recommendations of the Education Commission.

GUN BATTLE BETWEEN NAGA HOSTILES AND MANIPUR RIFLES

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

(a) whether there was a gun battle between 600 armed Naga hostiles

and Manipur Rifles on the 29th April, 1967 at Khoukilock near Siraluakhong; and

(b) if so, what was the cause of the encounter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) On 29th April, 1967, a party of Manipur Rifles, which was camping at Khoukilock near Siraluakhong, was fired upon by hostile Nagas numbering about 600. The fire was returned. Re-inforcements were promptly sent to the area and the hostiles withdrew.

†C.I.A. HELP TO SEAMEN'S UNION

*323. SHRI M. V. BHADRAM:
SHRI UTTAM SINGH DUGAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent disclosure in American Press that CIA had organised Seamen's Union in Indian ports;

(b) if so, whether Government had made any inquiry into the matter;

(c) if the answers to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, what are the findings thereof; and

(d) what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Inquiries were made from the National Union of Seafarers in India of Bombay and the National Union of Seamen's of Calcutta. They

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