

been stated on more than one occasion in both the Houses of Parliament by the late Prime Minister Nehru and subsequently by other members of the Government of India. There has been no change in this policy.

**INDO-PAK JOINT EXPLOITATION OF
EASTERN RIVERS FLOWING IN
EAST PAKISTAN**

*595. **SHRI P. K. KUMARAN:**
Will the Minister of **EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan has made any proposal to India for joint exploitation of the waters of the Eastern rivers which flow into East Pakistan; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

**THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS (SHRI M. C. CHAGLA):**

(a) No such proposal has been received from the Government of Pakistan.

(b) Does not arise.

CLOSURE OF FILM STUDIOS IN BOMBAY

*596. **SHRI A. M. TARIQ:** Will the Minister of **INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING** be pleased to refer to the answer given to Starred Question No. 305 in the Rajya Sabha on the 6th June, 1967 and state:

(a) to what extent the film industry will be affected by the recent closure of some film studios in Bombay;

(b) whether the Government have received any representation from the film industry regarding the closure of these studios;

(c) if so, the action taken thereon; and

(d) what facilities are being given by Government to film studios in order to develop film industry there?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH): (a) There has been no recent closure of film studios in Bombay. Two big studios are, however, likely to be closed down and according to the Indian Motion Picture Producers' Association, the closure of one of these studios would interrupt some films under production. The information about number of films is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Officially we could do nothing but unofficially efforts are being made to find out a solution.

(d) The initiative in this behalf largely lies with the State Governments. The Central Government are, however, helping the studio owners in the country with licences for import of essential equipment and spare parts etc.

TRANSMITTER AT KARNAL

*597. **SHRI JAGAT NARAIN:** Will the Minister of **INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Haryana has recommended to the Union Government for setting up a transmitter at Karnal;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) when the transmitter is likely to be set up there?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Karnal may be suitable as a studio centre but it is not centrally situated in the State to serve as a satisfactory location for the transmitter. According to a preliminary survey carried out by All India Radio,

Rohtak appears to be a better location for the transmitter.

(c) The transmitter could be expected to be ready in about 3 years' time subject to the availability of telephone lines, suitable sites, etc.

INDIAN STATISTICAL INSTITUTE

*598. SHRI NIREN GHOSH:
SARDAR RAM SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision on the recommendations of the Kabir Committee on the Indian Statistical Institute; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND
MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY
(SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI):

(a) Not yet, Sir. The recommendations are, however, being examined and action is likely to be finalised shortly.

(b) Does not arise.

नागालैण्ड में जापवो पर्वत

*599. श्री सुन्दर सिंह भंडारी :
श्री विमलकुमार मन्नालालजी
चौरङ्गिया :

क्या वैदेशिक-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने नागालैण्ड में जापवो पर्वत की चोटी से धुआं निकलने के समाचारों की पुष्टि करवाई है ; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो सरकार ने समीपस्थ ग्रामों के निवासियों की सुरक्षा हेतु क्या सावधानी बरती है ?

†[JAPVO MOUNTAIN IN NAGALAND

*599. SHRI SUNDAR SINGH
BHANDARI:
SHRI V. M. CHORDIA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have verified the reports about smoke emanating from the peak of Japvo Mountain in Nagaland; and

(b) if so, the precautions taken by Government for the safety of the inhabitants of the neighbouring villages?]

वैदेशिक-कार्य मंत्री (श्री एम० सी० चागला) : (क) इस खबर में कोई सच्चाई नहीं है कि जापवो पर्वत से धुआं उठता हुआ दिखाई दिया ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

†[THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI M. C CHAGLA):

(a) There is no truth in the report that smoke was seen rising from Mt. Japvo.

(b) Does not arise.]

GEN. MOHAMMED MUSA ON SINO-INDIAN RELATIONS

*600 SHRI N. R. MUNISWAMY:
Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a news item has been brought to the notice of Government, which appeared in the 'Indian Express' (Madras edition) of 30th April, 1967, to the effect that General Mohammed Musa, West Pakistan Governor, has stated that China and India connived together to weaken Pakistan internally thereby undermining its solidarity and its ability to meet external threats to its independence; and

†[] English translation.