

(b) if so, since when the territory is under Pakistani occupation; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to regain it?

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

(a) to (c) In accordance with a military working boundary of February 8, 1966, agreed to between the military authorities of India and Pakistan, Pakistan has retained possession of about 248 acres of various types of land in Lathitilla-Dumabari area of Assam, which it has illegally occupied at various times since 1962. The military agreement about the working boundary is of a purely temporary nature on the basis of *status quo* to reduce tension on the border.

The Directors of Land Records and Surveys of Assam and East Pakistan are periodically meeting in an effort to demarcate the boundary, but before demarcation can take place, there has to be agreement regarding the border dispute raised by Pakistan. Pakistan's negative attitude towards any talks with India makes any settlement of the border question impossible.

BROADCAST ABOUT WEATHER CONDITIONS

***195. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether adequate arrangements have been made from June to November, 1967 for broadcasting daily in various State languages about weather conditions well in advance to enable Kisans to start their cultivation on the basis of such forecasts; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH): (a) Yes, Sir. Weather reports and weather forecasts are regularly broadcast in rural programmes from all Stations of All India Radio

(b) The Director General, Meteorology and the various regional offices of the Meteorological department supply these bulletins regularly to all A.I.R. Stations. Arrangements for this purpose already exist.

KABIR COMMITTEE ON ISI, CALCUTTA

***196. SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA:** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has received any deputation of the workers of the Indian Statistical Institute, Calcutta in connection with the Report of the Kabir Committee on the Institute; and

(b) if so, what proposals were made to her?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI-MATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir, on the 26th June 1967.

(b) The deputationists urged that—

(i) the recommendations of the Review Committee about reorganisation of management of the Institute should be implemented forthwith;

(ii) the transfer of National Sample Survey work to an autonomous organisation, as recommended by the Review Committee, be held over for a year as this might result in discharge of Institute's workers; and

(iii) a guarantee of continued service for all the employees of the Institute be given.

MAGAZINE WITH EXTREME LEFT COMMUNIST'S VIEWS

***197. SHRI A. D. MANI:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a weekly magazine espousing extreme