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t[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) According to our information, Laldenga had gone into Pakistan some time during the last week of December 19£6. Since then there has been no information indicating his return to India. Recently reports suggest that Laldenga might havie escaped to U.K. under an assumed name. Efforts are being made to get this information verified.

As the terrain on the border of Mizo Hills district with Pakistan consists of dense impenetrable tropical jungle and it ig not easy task for any force to prevent clandestine passage of individuals or small groups, the question of fixing responsibility for the escape of an individual under such circumstances and action in regard thereto do not arise. As regards repatriation, the matter will be considered on confirmation of Ms whereabouts.]

## भारत-ग्रमेरिका शिक्षा संस्थान

179. श्री राज नारायण : श्री राम चन्द्र : श्री एम० एस० उनेराय :

वया शिक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि: (क) क्या यह सच है कि भारत-अमेरिका शिक्षा-संस्थान की जो थोजना पहले स्थिगित की गई थी उसे पुनः जीवित करने के लिये भारत और अमेरिका के बीच अनौपचारिक बातचीत चल न्हीं है; और

to Questions

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस बात बात को फिर से गुरू करने का क्या आधार है और इस संस्थान के बारे में जो नई प्रस्थापना की जा रही है वह पिछली प्रस्थापना से कहां तक भिन्न है?

## INDO-U.S. EDUCATION FOUNDATION

179. SHRI RAJNARAIN: SHRI RAM CHANDER: SHRI M. S. OBEROI:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that informal talks are being held between India and the United States of America for the revival of the scheme of the Indo-U.S. Education Foundation which was previously dropped; and
- (b) if so, what is the basis for resuming these talks and how far the new proposal for this foundation differs from the previous one?]

शिक्षा मंत्री (डा० त्रिगुन सेन): (क)
ग्रीर (ख) शिक्षा क्षेत्र में भारत श्रमेरिकी
सहयोग के बारे में श्रमेरिकी राजदूत के श्रनुरोध
पर, मेरे ग्रीर उनके बीच हाल ही में हुई बैठक
में, इस मामले पर सरसरी तौर पर विचारविमर्श किया गया था। ऐसा कोई विशिष्ट
प्रस्ताव प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है।

f[THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (DR. TRIGUNA SEN); (a) and (b) In a recent meeting which the U.S. Ambassador had with me at his instance on Indo-American cooperation in the field of education, this matter was briefly discussed. No specific proposals as such have been

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