

and utilised his official visit made at the cost of public exchequer for combination of a threat and election propaganda in an impermissible and unconstitutional manner ?

SHRI GULZARILAL NANDA : I went there to attend a particular meeting. And when I was leaving, the gentlemen of the press, who cannot be resisted, were there. They went on asking questions. I could not avoid giving answers.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA : Pt Govind Ballabh Pant never spoke in this manner.

SHRI GULZARILAL NANDA : Some of the things which the hon. Member said I do not agree with. They were not said. The assumption of insinuations is not correct. Whatever transpired there appeared in the Hindu next morning and I say that that was broadly a correct version.

SHRI C. D. PANDE : May I know, Sir, whether the hon. Home Minister would enlighten this House that in the course of the election campaign in Kerala the Rightist Communists openly maligned the pro-Chinese Communists . . .

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA : This question does not arise.

SHRI C. D. PANDE : I want information. I want to know whether the Rightist Communists have made any propaganda that these pro-Chinese Communists are a menace to this country. (*Interruption by Shri Bhupesh Gupta*). By your own party in Kerala.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The Question Hour is over.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA : I want half-an-hour discussion. The Home Minister should have moral courage to have half-an-hour discussion.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

ARTICLES ALLEGEDLY SMUGGLED BY PUNJAB OFFICERS

*297. **SHRI ABDUL GHANI :** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer given to Starred Question No. 529 in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th December, 1964 and state whether Government have since received any information from the Punjab Government regarding articles alleged to have been smuggled from Pakistan by certain high officers in the Punjab ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (**SHRI JAISUKHLAL HATHI**) : According to the information received from the Punjab Government no articles were smuggled from Pakistan into Punjab by any of its officers.

RIOTS IN LACCADIVE AND MINICOY ISLANDS

*299. { **SHRI RAM SINGH :**
SHRI U. S. DUGAL :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some Pakistani agents provoked riots in Laccadive and Minicoy Islands preventing people from taking part in the Republic day celebrations and currently they are propagating anti-Indian feelings among the people there; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to stem the evil ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (**SHRI JAISUKHLAL HATHI**) : (a) and (b) Certain persons of Bada village in Minicoy, in consequence of the instigation by some sailors who worked on foreign ships and who had returned home on leave, had threatened students and others not to participate in the Republic Day functions. Subsequently on 4th February, 1965, when two ring leaders including a sailor were being interrogated in the police station, a crowd tried to attack the police station and disturb public peace. 32 persons are being prosecuted.