

(viii) to discharge such other duties in connection with pilgrim traffic as may be prescribed and

(ix) to give relief to indigent pilgrims.

Central Haj committee is an advisory body, constituted under the orders of the Prime Minister. It advises Government on matters relating to Haj pilgrimage and pilgrimage to Iraq/Iran.

State Haj Committees, are advisory and consultative bodies constituted by the respective State Governments, under their executive orders. They act as a connecting link between Central Haj Committee, the Port Haj Committee and the Hajis.

(b) Number of employees: 20. No expenditure is incurred on them by Government.

(c) He works in an honorary capacity.]

MONUMENT IN MEMORY OF ARMY OFFICERS KILLED IN POONCH HELICOPTER CRASH

*249. SHRI G. M. MIR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to construct a monument in the memory of the late Major General Doulat Singh Major General Vikram Singh and other officers of the Indian Army who died in Poonch helicopter crash?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN): It has been decided to affix a marble tablet bearing the names of these officers on a rock on the side of the road at a point in a direct line of the crash site. There is no proposal to construct any memorial for them apart from this marble tablet.

GUERRILLA ARMY IN EAST PAKISTAN

*250. SHRI SHIVA NAND RAMAUL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a statement made by Shri Samsar Guha of West Bengal which appeared in the *Hindustan Times* of the 23rd April, 1964 to the effect that the Government of Pakistan was organising a guerilla army in the East Pakistan for raids in the adjoining Indian territory; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken or propose to take to meet the menace as and when required?

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

(b) It is understood that selected Pakistanis are being imparted guerilla training. There are, however, a number of organisations outside the Army including the Mujahids and the Ansars. Government have taken note of the activities of these organisations.

MEASURES TO CHECK BLACKMARKET IN NEWSPRINT

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

(a) whether he informed a delegation of the Indian and Eastern Newspaper Society that Government are going to take stringent measures to check blackmarketing in newsprint and that wider powers were proposed to be given to Income Tax Officers to stop such malpractices; and

(b) if so, what are the wider powers which Government have in view for the Income Tax Officers?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SATYA NARAYAN SINHA): (a) and (b) A delegation of the Indian and Eastern Newspaper Society was in-