

*850. [The questioners (Shri Krishna Chandra and Shri Madho Ram Sharraa) were absent. For answer, vide col. 4809 infra.]

*851. [The questioner (Shri V. M. Chordia) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 4809-10 infra.]

**MAHAKALI MANDIR AT JANGLA THAR
QUILA, HIMACHAL PRADESH**

*852. SHRI BAIRAGI DWIBEDY: will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the old and famous Mahakali Mandir at Jangla Thar Quila, District Mahasu, Himachal Pradesh, which dates back to the days of Pandavas and which was once looked after by Maharaja Padam Singh Rampur Visser, is not properly looked after by authorities; and

(b) whether Government propose to give a face lift to the dilapidated temple?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI B. N. DATAR) : (a) There is no such *mandir* at Jangla Thar Quila.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI SHIVA NAND RAMAUL: May I know, Sir, if the mandir is not at present there or it was originally not there?

SHRI B. N. DATAR: The information that we have got it is to the effect that there is no such mandir at all. But there is one temple of 'Bhimkali' at Sarhan.

SHRI BAIRAGI DWIBEDY: May I know, Sir, whether the Government will try to ascertain again from the Himachal Pradesh Administration whether there is such a temple and the debris is being taken away by other persons for building homes and that other constructions are taking place in the very face of the temple?

SHRI B. N. DATAR: There have been repeated enquiries and this is the latest answer that we have got, namely, that there is such a temple at Sarhan and that it has been properly repaired.

SHRI BAIRAGI DWIBEDY: May I know whether there is one Quila known as 'Jangla Bassa', which is in the vicinity of the temple, in which that temple exists.

SHRI B. N. DATAR: 'Jangla Bassa' is a different question.

SHRI BAIRAGI DWIBEDY: It is in the Quila and it has no separate existence.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He says that on enquiry they have found that there is no temple at that place.

SHRI BAIRAGI DWIBEDY: The Government should try to enquire again whether there is such a temple in 'Jangla Bassa'.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Is it about another temple in another place?

SHRI BAIRAGI DWIBEDY: No in that very place.

SHRI B. N. DATAR: The hon. Member must send all the information that he has. We shall forward it to the State Government for enquiry.

SHRI SATYACHARAN: May I know, Sir, whether this place mentioned here, namely, Mahakali Mandir at Jangla Thar Quila, which is located in Himachal Pradesh, will come under the Department of Archaeology for proper upkeep?

SHRI B. N. DATAR: My information is that there is no such *mandir*. So, there cannot be any question of giving it to the Archaeological Department.

SHRI SATYACHARAN: Sir . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: He says that the Archaeological Department will not be able to do anything if the temple is not there.

SHRI SATYACHARAN: It is mentioned that the temple dates back to the days of the Pandavas. So, it has historical importance and as such this -should be looked into.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He says that it is not there. Next question.

BOOK ENTITLED "GOLDEN GUIDE TO SOUTH AND SOUTH EAST ASIA"

*853. SHRI A. M. TARIQ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer given to Starred Question No. 314 in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th August, 1962 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Guide Book entitled "Golden Guide to South and South East Asia" which has been detained by the Customs Authorities, is carrying a foreword written by the Director General of Tourism, Government of India; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI B. N. DATAR): (a) Yes.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

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 منسٹر صاحب سے جاننا چاہوں گا - یہ
 بہت سیدھا سادہ سوال ہے - یہ ایک
 کتاب ہے جو ہانگ کانگ میں چھپی
 ہے یہ ایک ایسی کتاب ہے جو ہمارے
 کسٹمس نے روک دی اس لئے کہ اس
 میں ہندوستان کا نقشہ غلط طریقہ پر
 دکھایا گیا تھا اور اس کتاب کے بارے
 میں ہمارے ڈائریکٹر جنرل آف ٹورزم نے
 ایک فیورڈ لکھ کر اس کی کافی
 تعریف کی ہے -

†[श्री ए० एम० तारिक : मैं हाम
 मिनिस्टर साहब से जानना चाहंगा—यह
 बहुत सीधा सादा सवाल है—यह एक किताब
 है जो हांगकांग में छपी है, यह एक ऐसी किताब
 है जो हमारे कस्टम्स ने रोक दा, इसलिये कि
 इसमें हिन्दुस्तान का नक्शा गलत तरीके
 पर दिखाया गया था और इस किताब के बारे
 में हमारे डायरेक्टर जनरल आफ टूरिज्म ने
 एक फोरवर्ड लिख कर इस किताब को तारोफ़
 की है ।]

Now, the book has been stopped by the Customs under the provisions of the Government of India Notification No. 158, Customs, dated 26-11-1959. Now, my simple question was whether any action has been taken against the official who has written the foreword to the book. I would like to know what is under consideration. The book has been stopped by the Government of India. The foreword has been written by the Director General of Tourism. I would like to know what is under consideration in this matter.

SHRI LAL BAHADUR: It is true that the Director General of Tourism has written a foreword to that book and the reply that it is under consideration is because of the fact that we have asked him to explain why he wrote that foreword. He has given some explanation, but we are not fully satisfied with it. He has said that he wrote the foreword without seeing the book, the maps, etc. It is obviously a great mistake on his part. But we should get some time to look into the matter.

SHRI A. M. TARIQ: There were so many books written on India and some Indian personalities just for the sake of publicity wrote these forewords. At that time we were given an assurance that they would ask their officials not to write any foreword in respect of such books which they may not first see and find out.

f [] Hindi transliteration.