

India and retiring there to protect themselves, and occasionally they have even taken, according to our information, these airmen there to Burmese territory. The Burmese Government has replied saying that they take such steps as they can, and I believe they have taken some steps. What exactly they are I cannot say, but they have got to bear some pressure from the Naga hostiles there.

WHEREABOUTS OF PHIZO

*33. SHRI A. B. VAJPAYEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any information in regard to the whereabouts of the Naga rebel A. Z. Phizo; and

(b) whether it is a fact that recently he has disappeared from London?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON): (a) and (b) According to our information, Phizo was away from London for a brief period and returned back on the 3rd April, 1962.

SHRI A. B. VAJPAYEE: May I know whether the attention of the hon. Minister has been drawn to press reports that Phizo was seen in East Pakistan, and whether any steps have been taken to verify these reports?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: I have already stated in the answer that he returned to London on the 3rd April.

SHRI A. B. VAJPAYEE: Is it a fact that Phizo was seen in East Pakistan and if so, whether he had any contacts with the Naga rebels?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: Our information is that he did not go there, but he went to Switzerland and went back to London.

*34. [Transferred to the 2nd May, 1962.]

POSTAL STAMPS IN BHUTAN

*35. SHRI A. D. MANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Bhutan has decided to have its own postal stamps;

(b) whether Government are aware that the Government of Bhutan have placed an order with a London press for printing stamps of seven denominations; and

(c) whether at present Bhutan has no postal system of her own and Indian postal stamps are in use in that region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON): (a) Yes, Sir. In fact the Government of Bhutan have been using their own stamps for the last 6 years for internal purposes.

(b) Yes, the Bhutan Government have placed orders for printing of stamps with Harrison & Sons, Ltd., 44-47 Martins Lane, London WC 2. They have placed orders for printing stamps of seven regular and two special denominations.

(c) Bhutan does not have a full-fledged postal organization, but the nucleus of a postal administration consisting of 5 post offices in different important places in Bhutan has been established recently.

Indian postal stamps are not being used in Bhutan and they have never been used there.

SHRI A. D. MANI: Have the Government of Bhutan communicated to the Government of India that they would like to have their own post and telegraph system in Bhutan in the near future?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: Yes, they consulted us on this.