RAJYA SABHA

Monday, the 5th September, 1960/the 14th Bhadra, 1882 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock, Mr. Chairman in the Chair.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

MINISTERS ON FOREIGN TOURS

*609. SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state the expenditure incurred on foreign tours of each Minister of the Government of India during each of the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI GOVIND BALLABH PANT): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

*610. [For answer, vide cols. 3338—40 infra.]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Sardar Swaran Singh* is not here; nor has he authorised anybody to answer it. When is he coming? I am very sorry.

*611. [For answer, vide cols. 3333—38 infra.]

WARNING TO INSTALLATION OFFICER FOR ALLOWING PAKISTANI MILITARY OFFICER TO VISIT C. O. D. AT JUBBULPORE

- *612. SHRI NIRANJAN SINGH: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that a Defence Installation Officer has recently been warned for allowing one Pakistani Military Officer to visit the C.O.D. at Jubbulpore; and
- (b) if so, what are the facts of the case and what is the rank of the Officer so warned?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI V. K. KRISHNA MENON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI NIRANJAN SINGH: Has the hon. Minister seen the press news published in some local press in Jubbulpore?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: I am sorry, Sir, I was held up.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Niranjan Singh, repeat your question.

SHRI NIRANJAN SINGH: Has the Government or the Department seen the news published in some local press in Jubbulpore, that a certain officer came from Pakistan and inspected or visited the C.O.D.?

Shri V. K. KRISHNA MENON: Sir, there was some news item which appeared in a local Hindi newspaper on the 6th of July to the effect that a senior officer of the local Central Ordnance Depot allowed some officer's Pakistani relative to visit the installation. This allegation was investigated and it was found to be baseless.

SHRI NIRANJAN SINGH: May I know if any action was taken against that paper which had published this false news?

SHRI V. K. KRISHNA MENON: I am not aware of any action taken by anybody.

SHRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIAR: It has been pointed out that a relative of somebody was allowed. Was it a Pakistani military officer?

Shri V. K. KRISHNA MENON: I said that the allegation was baseless.

AGREEMENT WITH U. K. GOVERNMENT FOR THE ASSEMBLY OF GNAT FIGHTER PLANES IN INDIA

- *613. SHRI HARIHAR PATEL: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government of India have concluded

^{*}Sardar Swaran Singh, the Minister of steel, Mines and Fuel, was to answer Starred Question No. 611.