

SHRI GOVIND BALLABH PANT: I do not think it is so. In fact the Administration took unusual steps in order to save their lives and removed them to the hospital and before that they deputed their own medical experts to look after them though it was not their duty and still they persisted in this hunger strike.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The question hour is over.

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WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

LEGISLATION FOR THE SYSTEMATIC COLLECTION OF CORE SAMPLES AND GROUND WATER DATA OBTAINED IN WELL SINKING AND BORE HOLE DRILLING OPERATIONS

*105. SHRI JAI NARAIN VYAS: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND FUEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken to enact legislation for the systematic collection of core samples and ground water data obtained in the search and abstraction of ground water in well sinking and bore hole drilling operations; and

(b) if so, when such a legislation will come before the Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF MINES AND OIL

(SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA): (a) Yes, Sir. A special Committee constituted by the Central Board of Geophysics prepared a draft of the proposed legislation for collection of bore hole data. This draft has been approved by the Central Board of Geophysics and final draft with the recommendation of the Central Board of Geophysics has been received by Government.

(b) It will take some time for the draft to be examined and finalised. It is, therefore, not possible to say

when legislation will be brought before Parliament.

ACCOUNTS OF SHRI S. P. JAIN WITH BANKS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

*106. DR. Z. A. AHMAD: "Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the investigations conducted by Government regarding the alleged maintenance of accounts by Shri S. P. Jain with banks in foreign countries have been finalised; and

(b) if so, with what results?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT): (a) No, Sir, the investigations are still in progress.

(b) Does not arise.

HAJARNAVIS COMMITTEE ON PURCHASE OF AMMUNITION FROM M/s OERLIKONS

♦112. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hajarnavis Committee has submitted its report on the purchase of 20 mm ammunition from Messrs Oerlikons; and

(b) if so, what are the main findings of the report?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI V. K. KRISHNA MENON): (a) No, Sir. The Committee has completed recording of evidence and is now drafting its report.

(b) Does not arise.

MURDERS IN DELHI

♦118. SHRI M. S. GURUPADA SWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of murders committed in Delhi during the last three months;

(b) whether it is a fact that the number of murders has recently increased;

(c) what are the reasons for such increase; and

(d) what steps Government have taken to check such crimes?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI GOVIND BALLABH PANT): (a) 22.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The police carry out intensive patrolling on foot, cycles and mobile vans throughout the day and night.

INCOME-TAX ARREARS

♦119. SHRI M. S. GURUPADA SWAMY:
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state,

(a) the total arrears of income tax as on 1st April, 1960; and

(b) the measures introduced by Government *to realise these arrears?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE
(SHRIMATI TARKESHWARI SINHA): (a) The total effective arrears of income tax as on 1st April, 1960 were Rs. 133'60 crores.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

For the recovery of arrear taxes from the defaulter assessee, any one or more of the following steps, as provided in the Income-tax Act has been or is being taken where necessary depending upon the facts and circumstances of each case:

(i) Levy of penalty under section 46(1);

(ii) Issue of a certificate under section 46(2) of the LT. Act to the Collector who, on re-

ceipt of this, proceeds to recover the arrears of tax as if they were arrears of land revenue;

(iii) Attachment of the defaulter's moveable properties by issue of distraint warrants in big cities, where there is a provision for recovery of Municipal taxes in this manner;

(iv) Issue of a notice in writing under section 46(5) asking the disbursing officer to deduct the arrears of tax from the salary of the defaulter at the time of payment thereof, if the defaulter happens to be a salaried employee; and

(v) The issue of a notice in writing under section 46 (5A) asking any person from whom money is due or may become due to the defaulter to pay to the I.T.O. forthwith, so much of the money as is sufficient to satisfy the arrears of tax mentioned in the notice.

For facility of recovery of arrear taxes by issue of certificates under section 46(2) of the LT. Act, as indicated in (ii) above, the Central Board of Revenue has taken steps and made arrangements with the State Governments for the appointment of Special Revenue Officers exclusively for income-tax collection work.

REQUISITIONING OF MILITARY PERSONNEL BY RAILWAYS

*125. DR. A. N. BOSE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any military personnel have been requisitioned to guard the railway lines in upper Assam region; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?