

the question is to what extent we can implement these recommendations. I might also point out to the hon. Member that the United Nations Organisation has called for opinion on the issue of the reform of the world calendar.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: May I point out to the hon. Minister that the question referred to Dr. Meghnad Saha's Committee was not in relation to the world calendar but it was the question of the Indian calendar? There are so many variations in the Indian calendar and therefore a need was felt to make it uniform. May I know what is the position with regard to Indian calendar? We are not interested in the Gregorian calendar.

SHRI B. N. DATAR: That is perfectly true but the hon. Member will kindly understand that the scope of the recommendations, even if they are accepted, would be very restricted if the world calendar, namely, the Gregorian calendar is to be followed for official purposes.

RESIGNATIONS OF WOMEN OFFICERS FROM THE INDIAN ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE

*291. **SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM:** Will the Minister for HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the number of Women Officers belonging to the Indian Administrative Service who were forced to resign in the year 1955-56 on account of their marriages according to the newly amended rules?

THE MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI B. N. DATAR): Nil.

BARBED WIRE FENCING AGAINST SMUGGLING

*292. **SHRI M. VALIULLA:** Will the Minister for FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of places where barbed wire fencing has been erected on our land frontiers as an anti-smuggling measure;

(b) the total length of such fencing put up so far; and

(c) whether this fencing is electrified?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FINANCE (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT): (a) A barbed wire fence was erected on the erstwhile Pondicherry and Karaikal land frontiers in 1952-53 but is being dismantled consequent on the merger of the French Settlements of Pondicherry and Karaikal. An experimental barbed wire fencing is being constructed in a part of the vulnerable areas of the Indo-Goa border.

(b) On the Pondicherry and Karaikal land frontiers the barbed wire fence was put up for a total distance of 29 miles 6 furlongs and 209 yards. The fencing on the Indo-Goa border, at present under erection, will cover a total distance of 3 miles.

(c) It is not in public interest to disclose this information.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: May I know whether the border between Goa and India is only 3 miles? What is the total distance of the land border between Goa and India?

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT: The land border is about 184 miles and the most vulnerable part is considered to be 13 miles and as I said as an experimental measure in the first instance three miles have been taken up for erection.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: The Government had already experimented with barbed wire fencing around Pondicherry and now they are experimenting near Goa. Are they going to have this on the Pakistan and Indian border also?

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT: For the present there is no barbed wire fencing on the Indo-Pakistan border. In