

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: We have no intention of doing that.

SHRI TAJAMUL HUSAIN: I want to know why

MR. CH' AN: He says that they have no intention.

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARNAND: Is it because it is considered to be unlucky?

(No answer)

SHRI V. S. SARWATE: Is the Government aware that in the *Amrita Bazar Patrika* there has been some news to the effect that the Education Minister proposes to visit London for this purpose and that an agreement has already been executed?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: The report is unfounded.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: May I know what steps have been taken by the Government for recovering the Jehangir diamond to which reference was made in this House some time ago?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: The Government has no intention to recover that.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION AND ANSWER

ESTABLISHMENT OF A PLANT FOR ASSEMBLING CARS BY MERCEDES BENZ

*5. SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Messrs. Mercedes Benz are establishing a plant for assembling cars in India; and if so, whether Government have given their approval for the same; and

(b) whether this project for assembling the cars will be followed by a manufacturing programme also; and if so, whether Government will place

on the Table of the House detailed information regarding the manufacturing programme?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: May I know whether there is any private firm which is negotiating with Messrs. Mercedes Benz for the manufacture or assembling of these cars in India?

SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI: I don't know—maybe private people might do things privately.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: May I know whether the Government are aware of any such intentions on the part of any private firms to seek collaboration with Messrs. Mercedes Benz?

SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI: I cannot say how the Government could be concerned with intentions. I don't suppose they could unless they are criminal intentions.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: Do I understand that the Government has no intention, apart from any arrangements they have already made with different manufacturers, to give permission to any other manufacturers to manufacture trucks or cars in India?

SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI: That would be the present intention.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTION

NAGA NATIONAL COUNCIL

566. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Nagas have formed a National Council of their own.