

(c) what is the protocol governing such matters?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A. K. CHANDA): (a) Our Ambassador was present at the Rangoon airport to receive his wife who arrived there by the same aircraft as Mr. Attlee. The Ambassador naturally associated himself with the welcome to Mr. Attlee.

(b) Yes.

(c) There is no protocol involved in such cases.

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY: Am I to understand that it was merely by coincidence that the Ambassador was present to receive Mr. Attlee or there has been some protocol that he could just receive his wife, and not Mr. Attlee?

SHRI A. K. CHANDA: The fact is, he was present at the aerodrome to receive his wife, and as I have said in my answer there is no protocol involved in such cases.

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY: Did the Ambassador not know when he received Mr. Attlee since he arrived later, that only the First Secretary received Shri Jayaprakash Narayan?

SHRI A. K. CHANDA: I have no information on this matter.

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY: Am I to presume that he was not aware of this and it was merely an accident that when he went to meet his wife, he welcomed Mr. Attlee also?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Do you suggest that he should not have gone to welcome his wife?

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY: No, he can do his private reception. But what I am asking is whether it is just a case of coincidence or whether Mr. Attlee was being given more prominence than what our own gentleman was given.

SHRI A. K. CHANDA: I fear too much is being assumed in this.

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY: Beg your pardon?

MR. CHAIRMAN: What he says is, too much is being assumed. If his wife happened to arrive by the same plane by which Shri Jayaprakash Narayan arrived, possibly he would have welcomed Shri Jayaprakash Narayan.

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY: May I also presume that possibly this is a sort of indirect tribute to the Sovereign of England who is the head of the Commonwealth?

MR. CHAIRMAN: No, no.

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: Is the hon. Member suffering from any complex? I don't know.

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY: No, I can assure the Prime Minister that I am not suffering from any complexes whatsoever; but there is possibly some complex on the other side.

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: If no objection, I suggest that questions 268 and 269 may be allowed to be answered together, as they relate to similar subjects.

SHRI B. RATH: Yes

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Rath is agreeable. Go ahead.

DELTA INVESTIGATION DIVISION

*268. SHRI B. RATH: Will the Minister for IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) since when the Delta Irrigation Investigation Division at Bhubaneswar started working; and

(b) when this work is likely to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR PLANNING & IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI J. S. L. HATHI): (a) The Delta Investigation Division started functioning from the 13th August 1952.

(b) It is expected that the work will be completed by October 1953.