

(b) if not, what action Government have taken to create peaceful conditions in that area?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) The Agreement on the suspension of operations became effective on 6th September, 1964. Only a meeting of the Peace Observers' Group was held at Dimapur on 20th April, 1968. According to the reports available to the Government they (the Underground) have continued to make attempts to cross the international border with Burma with the intention of importing arms and ammunition and receiving other assistance from China. There have also been reports of cases of kidnapping and extortion of money.

(b) Suitable steps have been taken to further strengthen the security forces along with international border with Burma. Besides, the State Government of Nagaland which has now seven police battalions under its charge, is taking increasingly effective measures to counteract the hostile activities and to maintain law and order.

FILM COUNCIL

275. SHRIMATI LALITHA (RAJA-GOPALAN) : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the steps so far taken to set up the proposed Film Council; and

(b) when the Council will be set up?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH) : (a) and (b) The feasibility of setting up a high-level Statutory body to promote the co-ordinated development of the film industry as a whole is under consideration in consultation with the film industry. Organisational and functional details have not been worked out so far.

जबलपुर छावनी क्षेत्र में खेती के लिए भूखंड

276. पं० भवानी प्रसाद तिवारी : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उन सिविलियंस को जो जबलपुर छावनी क्षेत्र के 108 भूखंडों पर अभी तक सच्ची तथा अन्य फसलों की खेती करते आ रहे हैं यह नोटिस दिए गए हैं कि उक्त भूमि की सेना कार्य के लिए आवश्यकता है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या उक्त सिविलियंस को उन भूखंडों पर उनके द्वारा निर्मित मकानों, कुओं और अन्य इमारतों का मुआवजा दिए बिना उनकी लीज समाप्त की जा रही है; और

(ग) इस कार्यवाही के विरुद्ध सरकार को कितनी संस्थाओं तथा व्यक्तियों की ओर से ज्ञापन प्राप्त हुए हैं ?

PLOTS FOR CULTIVATION IN JABALPUR CANTONMENT AREA

276. PT. BHAWANIPRASAD TIWARY : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the civilians who have been cultivating vegetables and other crops in 108 plots in the cantonment area of Jabalpur have recently been served with notices to the effect that the said land is required for military purposes ;

(b) if so, whether the lease in respect of these plots is being terminated without giving any compensation to the said civilians for the houses, wells and other buildings constructed by them; and

(c) what is the number of institutions and persons from whom memoranda have been received by Government against this action?

रक्षा मंत्री (सरदार स्वर्ण सिंह) : (क) और (ख) सूचना इकट्ठी की जा रही है, और सभा के पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

(ग) दो संस्थाओं और कुछ व्यक्तियों ने ज्ञापनों का विरोध किया है।

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

(c) Two institutions and few individuals have protested against the notices.]

RELEASE OF SHRI MOHAN RANADE AND SHRI MASCARANHES FROM PORTUGUESE JAIL

277. SHRI M. M. DHARIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any fresh proposal under Government's consideration to get Shri Mohan Ranade and Shri Mascaranhes released from Portuguese imprisonment; and

†[]English translation.

(b) when these two freedom fighters are likely to be released ?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) and (b) The House has been kept informed of the various steps taken by the Government to secure the release of Shri Ranade and Dr. Mascaranhes. Our efforts continue through diplomatic channels. Unfortunately these efforts have not, so far, succeeded in persuading the Portuguese authorities to release the two freedom fighters.

COMMITTEES UNDER THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

278. DR. (MRS.) MANGALADEVI TALWAR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has been decided to disband various committees under his Ministry ; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH) : (a) Out of 42 Committees, 15 have been discontinued.

(b) This has been done after a careful review of the functioning of these Committees and with a view to improving efficiency in the work of the Ministry.

ARMS SUPPLY TO PAKISTAN

279. SHRI M. N. KAUL : SHRI RAM SAHAI :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether Government will lay on the Table of the House a statement showing the arms supplied by the Governments of China, U.S.A., U.S.S.R, and other countries to the Government of Pakistan up-to-date ; and

(b) how far the supply affects the security of India ?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) (a) Pakistan has virtually doubled its ground forces and the number of fighter squadrons since August-September 1965, with the help of supply of arms and equipment from various countries. Details of such supplies cannot be disclosed in public interest.

(b) The Government of India are taking all necessary steps to meet the threat posed by Pakistan's arms build-up.

280. [Transferred to the 30*/! July, 1968].

INDIA'S ASSISTANCE TO MALAYSIA FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

281. SARDAR RAM SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of India have decided to assist the Government of Malaysia in her economic development programme; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under the proposed assistance to Malaysia, India has decided to offer the following facilities :

(1) Five hundred training places in vocational, technical and educational institutions to nominees of Malaysian Government for the next three years.

(2) Training facilities in the fields of Defence, Education, Health, Forestry, Mapping & Surveys, Chartered Accountancy, Agriculture, Information & Broadcasting etc.

(3) Gifting of machinery and equipment worth Rs. 1.24 crore for the proposed Institute of Technology in Malaysia. 83 instructors will also be deputed "from India under our assistance programme to man the Institute initially upto three years and 23 Malaysians will be trained in India who will take over the management of the Institute on their return.

(4) Undertaking of techno-economic survey of Malaysia.

(5) Gift of agricultural equipment worth Rs. 3 lakhs.

(6) Facilitate the setting up of joint ventures in Malaysia.

MANUFACTURE OF JAGUAR AIRCRAFT

282. DR. (MRS.) MANGALADEVI TALWAR : SHRI M. N. KAUL :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a B.A.C. team from London visited New Delhi recently and offered