

MR. CHAIRMAN: You will have to understand that when I call the next question, it is next question.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: May I pass it on to you, Sir? But I cannot go to you now.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, you can pass it on to me.

TRANSMITTER IN HARYANA

*725. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether any decision has been taken on the location of the transmitter in Haryana;

(b) if so, what; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons for the delay and when a decision is likely to be taken?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI NANDINI SATPA-THY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Draft 4th Plan for development of broadcasting includes provision for setting up a radio station in Haryana. Implementation of the project depends upon the availability of resources and desirability of Government making up its mind in the absence of decision about the State Capital.

श्री आर० पी० खैतान : सर, क्या यह सच है कि हरियाणा ही एक ऐसा राज्य है जिस में रेडियो स्टेशन नहीं है। यदि ऐसा है, तो क्या सरकार इसके बारे में जल्दी में जल्दी निर्णय लेने की कृपा करेगी ?

SHRIMATI NANDINI SATPA-THY: It is true that Haryana has no radio station but eighty-eight per cent, of the entire area of Haryana State is covered by the radio station in Delhi and by the radio station in Jul-lunder. We are also thinking of having a radio station there also.

SHRI KRISHAN KANT: If the reply given by the hon. Deputy Minister is properly understood, it will mean that Haryana need not be given a radio station because eighty-eight per

cent, of Haryana area is already covered by those two radio stations. This is not a correct thing. The main thing is, earlier, in the last session, when the question was raised, the hon. Minister replied that when a people's Government came into existence there, it shall be decided whether it should be located at Karnal or Rohtak. This was the problem. And now, when a new Government has come, when a people's Government has come, did they have any discussion with that Government about the location of the whole thing and specially when it should be done. When last time, when even in the last session, the question of the decision on the location of the radio station came up, and yet, after such a long time, now, it is said that no decision has been taken, now the matter comes to be considered in the Fourth Plan and so on.

SHRI K. K. SHAH: What the Deputy Minister said was that there should no anxiety about Haryana being kept out without the benefit of a radio station of its own because it is covered by other radio stations. It is true that Haryana must have a radio station but it will take time, because the decision about its location will remain pending—and they may find it difficult to decide—till the question of its permanent capital is decided. That is why we are not hurrying up.

*726. [The questioner (Shri Sitaram Jaipuria) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 5143-5144 infra.]

REBEL NAGAS CROSSING INTO BURMA

*127. SHRI A.D. MANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report in the London Times of May 29, 1968 to the effect that several hundred Rebel Nagas have crossed into Burma on their way to China; and

(b) whether it is a fact that 200 Rebel Nagas were killed by our border security forces in one week in the month of May, 1968?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): [a] The House has been apprised from time to time of the move-

ment of hostile Nagas across the border. No such report has been found in the 'London Times' of the 29th May, 1968 which is received here.

(b) Presumably, the Hon'ble Member has in mind an encounter which took place on the other side of the border, some time in March last, in which a large number of intruding Naga hostiles were killed.

SHRI A. D. MANI: Regarding the correction that this item did not appear in the 'London Times' of the 29th May, 1968, I accept the correction because I have since found that it was not on the 29th May, 1968, but in one of its issues this news item appeared. May I ask the Minister whether this exodus of rebel Nagas into Burma is a continuing process, or it has stopped?

SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH: Sir, as has been said earlier underground hostile Nagas do manage to cross the border in small batches but we try to stop them, and our information is that their movement out of the country has been curtailed considerably.

SHRI A. D. MANI: When you say "curtailed considerably", it means that even now the Nagas are migrating to China via Burma. Now I would also put another question. When this news item was published in the press, why did not the Government state the facts, because a wrong impression is being given to the public abroad that we are employing vast defence forces to crush the Nagas. What were the details of the encounter mentioned in part (b) of the answer? What happened that it led to a large number of Nagas being killed?

SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH: Sir, we have already said that we did not know about the news having appeared in the 'London Times'.

SHRI A. D. MANI: You have not replied to my second question.

SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH: Please repeat it.

SHRI A. D. MANI: I am asking you regarding part (b) of the answer where you have said that it is true that a large number of Nagas were killed.

This appeared in the Indian press. Why has the Government not published the facts regarding the encounter with the Nagas because otherwise we are giving a wrong impression to the public abroad that we are using vast defence forces to crush the Nagas? What were the details of the encounter?

SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH: This encounter did not take place with the Indian Security Forces. This encounter is reported to have taken place on the other side of the border.

श्री निरंजन वर्मा : श्रीमन्, इसी प्रकार का मैंने प्रश्न पूछा था जिस का शासन की तरफ से गोल उत्तर दिया गया था। प्रश्न यह है कि मई के महीने में कितने नागा मारे गये। 7 मई से 15 मई के दमियान अपने यहां की सेनाओं से और नागाओं से युद्ध हुआ था और भारत के पत्रों में यह बताया गया था कि बहुत बड़ी संख्या में हमने नागाओं को मारा और उनकी सामग्री छीन ली जब कि वस्तुस्थिति यह थी कि आपने बहुत भारी सफलता प्राप्त नहीं की थी। तो क्या सरकार यह बताएगी कि 7 मई से लेकर 15 मई तक जो एनकाउन्टर हुआ उसमें कितने नागा मारे गये, उनकी कितनी सम्पत्ति आपके हाथ में आई और उनके कौन कौन से हथियार आपको प्राप्त हुए।

श्री सुरेन्द्र पाल सिंह : यह जो एनकाउन्टर नागाओं के साथ हुआ उसके बारे में सूचना पहले दी जा चुकी है। कौन कौन से हथियार उनसे प्राप्त हुए, कितने उनके आदमी मरे और कितने हमारे आदमी मरे, इसकी सूचना हम नहीं दे सकते हैं।

SHRIMATI LALITHA (RAIAGO-PALAN) : Sir, the rebel Nagas entering into Burma and then from there going to China and receiving training there has become a regular practice, and that way the country of Burma is also involved in this. May I know from the hon. Minister whether the Government of India is in touch with the Burmese Government also and whether there is any general effort to check this inflow of Nagas into China through Burma?

SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH: Sir, consultations with the Burmese Government do take place from time to time on matters of mutual interest.

WEST GERMAN FEATURE SERVICE 'DIENST AUS DEUTSCHLAND'

*728. SHRI ARJUN ARORA:†

SHRI GULAM NABI UNTOO:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question No. 255 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th May, 1968 and state whether the enquiries into the nature and character of "Dienst Aus Deutschland" Feature Service have since been completed and, if so, the outcome of the enquiries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT): The enquiries made reveal that the "Dienst Aus Deutschland" is a news service operating from Hamburg, West Germany. It distributes bulletins free of charge in many countries, reportedly in many languages including several Indian languages. In India they are reported to have two agents, namely, the Universal Press Service, Madras, and the International Clipping Service, Bombay.

SHRI ARJUN ARORA: May I know if the attention of the Government has been drawn to the anti-Indian nature of the articles freely circulated by this agency and whether the attention of the Government has also been drawn to the contacts which this West German agency maintains with what is called the Tarun Press of Calcutta which has been anti-Indian and hostile to our policy and if (he attention of the Government has been drawn to all these may I know why the Government allows this West German agency to corrupt our press by freely supplying anti-Indian articles, photos, blocks, etc.?

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT: Sir, these two agents reproduce articles and clippings which they get free of cost from this German agency in Hamburg and they circulate them to the various

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Arjun Arora.

members. The Information and Broadcasting Ministry have also answered a question on this and they have all the information with them and they are looking into it.

SHRI ARJUN ARORA: You allow them to carry on anti-Indian propaganda in this country particularly because it is free?

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT: Certainly it is not like that. The Information and Broadcasting Ministry keeps a close watch on the nature of these articles and other things and if it is found that they are as described by the hon. Member certainly they will take action.

(Several hon. Members stood up)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Don't so many people be anxious to get up; it confuses me.

SHRI ARJUN ARORA: May I know whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the fact that the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, that is, West Germany, utilises the teleprinter circuit of these agencies which are working in collaboration with this West German agency DAD and if the attention of the Government has been drawn to this impropriety on the part of this agency and its associates and the Embassy of West Germany, what action has the Government taken?

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT: It is true that the German Federal Press office is used for distribution of this outside Germany and even the Federal Embassy is also used. If the articles for press publicity and other things are of a nature which goes against the national interests as I said the Information and Broadcasting Ministry is keeping a watch.

SHRI GULAM NABI UNTOO:

Comparing the previous statement made regarding this very question it does not appear that anything new has emerged from this statement today. A specific question was put as to whether the West German Security Services or the NATO Intelligence were financing this agency and no answer has been given. The purpose of this agency is to freely supply material to the Indian press so as to corrupt it. May I know whether the hon. Minister is aware from where this feature agency gets its finances?