

{THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected.]

\*744. [Withdrawn.]

#### NAVAL CHIEF'S VISIT TO EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

\*745. CHAUDHARY A. MOHAMMAD : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Naval Chief of India proposes to visit six European countries in the near future; and

(b) if so, what is the main purpose of his visit to those countries ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH) : (a) and (b) The Chief of the Naval Staff is paying a goodwill visit to the United Kingdom in response to an invitation from that country. He will take advantage of this trip to visit five other European countries with a view to getting acquainted with the latest developments there which are of interest to the Indian Navy.

#### PRODUCTION AND SMUGGLING ABROAD OF BLUE FILMS

\*746. SHRIMATI SARLA BHA-DAURIA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that blue films produced by some of the leading film stars and producers are smuggled out of the country; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Haj PILGRIMS

\*747. SHRI SHERKHAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what was the quota for Haj pilgrims fixed by Government last year and for the current year, State wise;

(b) the name of the Committee which fixes the quota of the Haj pilgrims; and

(c) the names of the members of the Committee ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) to (c) The procedure for the allotment of seats for Haj is that after retaining some seats for *ad hoc* allotment by Government, information about the remaining seats is communicated to the Managing Director, Moghul Lines Ltd., who are the shipping agents, and the Chairman, Haj Committee, Bombay. They consult each other and distribute the seats among various States on the basis of their respective Muslim population. There is thus no committee, as such, for the purpose.

The overall quota, which is fixed by Government, was 15000 last year. The same number has been fixed for Haj 1969. The number of seats distributed Statewise for the years 1968 and 1969 is indicated in the statement placed on the Table of the House.

#### STATEMENT

<i>State-wise Quota (by sea) Haj 1968</i>	
Uttar Pradesh . . . . .	3,032
West Bengal . . . . .	1,963
Bihar . . . . .	1,626
Maharashtra . . . . .	853
Kerala . . . . .	851
Assam . . . . .	778
Andhra Pradesh . . . . .	752
Jammu & Kashmir . . . . .	684
Mysore . . . . .	654
Gujarat . . . . .	490
Madras . . . . .	439
Madhya Pradesh . . . . .	370
Rajasthan . . . . .	369
Punjab . . . . .	111
Tripura . . . . .	68
Orissa . . . . .	61
Delhi . . . . .	44

Manipur . . . . .	14
Himachal Pradesh . . . . .	7
Laccadive, Minicoy & Amindivi Islands . . . . .	7
Pondicherry . . . . .	7
Goa, Daman & Diu . . . . .	4
Andaman & Nicobar Islands . . . . .	2
Dadra & Nagar Haveli . . . . .	..
Nagaland . . . . .	..
NEFA . . . . .	..

*State-wise quota (by sea) Haj 1969*

Uttar Pradesh . . . . .	2,622
West Bengal . . . . .	1,698
Bihar . . . . .	1,406
Maharashtra . . . . .	738
Kerala . . . . .	736
Assam . . . . .	672
Andhra Pradesh . . . . .	650
Jammu & Kashmir . . . . .	591
Mysore . . . . .	566
Gujarat . . . . .	424
Madras . . . . .	379
Madhya Pradesh . . . . .	320
Rajasthan . . . . .	320
Punjab . . . . .	96
Tripura . . . . .	56
Orissa . . . . .	53
Delhi . . . . .	44
Manipur . . . . .	14
Himachal Pradesh . . . . .	7
Laccadive, Minicoy & Amindivi Islands . . . . .	7
Pondicherry . . . . .	7
Goa, Daman & Diu . . . . .	4
Andaman & Nicobar Islands . . . . .	2
Dadra and Nagar Haveli . . . . .	..
Nagaland . . . . .	..
NEFA . . . . .	..

The details of the seats (1,000) allocated State-wise by air, are being ascertained and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**VISIT OF THE DIRECTOR OF HIMALAYAN RESEARCH PROJECT TO SIKKIM**

\*748. SHRI Z. A. AHMAD : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Mr. Leo Rose, Director of the Himalayan Research Project sponsored by the California University is frequently visiting Sikkim and has free access to the Palace Library there;

(b) if so, whether Government have permitted Mr. Leo Rose and his team to work in Sikkim and other Himalayan border regions;

(c) if the reply to part (b) above be in the affirmative, the places where they have been permitted to work;

(d) whether Government have made

(e) any investigation into the activities of the

(f) Himalayan Research Project in India; and

(g) if so, what are the findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) to (c) Dr. Leo Rose, who is a leading member of the Institute of International Relations of the University of California, visited Sikkim on four occasions, each time for a few days. These visits took place in 1961, 1965, 1966 and 1968. Access to the Palace Library is a matter for authorisation by the Palace Authorities.

Dr. Rose was also allowed to visit Ladakh and NEFA in 1963. After the visit, he co-authored with Dr. Margaret Fisher and Dr. Huttenbach, a book entitled "Himalayan Battleground". The book supports India's standpoint.

Dr. Rose also paid a brief visit to NEFA in 1966.

To the best of Government's knowledge, the other members of the Project confined their activities to regions which are open to foreign visitors.

(d) and (e) Following the revelation made in the U. S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee that the Project received part of its finances from the Defence Department of the U. S. Government, the Government of India have decided that the Project should be wound up.