

Merger of Cantonments with Local Bodies

*923. { **Shri S. M. Banerjee:**
Shri Tangamani:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to merge the Cantonments with the Municipalities or Corporations; and

(b) if so, when a final decision is likely to be taken on this matter?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Defence (Shri Fatesingh-rao Gaekwad): (a) and (b). There is no such proposal. The Estimates Committee have recommended in their 46th Report that the abolition of Cantonments as commonly understood should be the goal which should be reached in the minimum possible period. The recommendation is under consideration.

Closure of Mines in Punjab

*924. **Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) the name and the number of mines closed in the Punjab during 1956-57;

(b) the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to reopen them?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) Only one iron mine in Punjab, known as the "Chapra Biharipur" in Mohindragarh District, owned by the India Stone Lime Company was closed on the 30th June, 1957.

(b) The reason for closure is the Company's inability to market the ore.

(c) The State Trading Corporation of India (Private) Ltd. is making every attempt to sell the ore, but its phosphorus content is high.

Election of Shri V. V. Giri

{ **Shri Vajpayee:**
Shri Sanganna:
Shri R. C. Majhi:
Shri B. C. Mullick:
Shri Ignace Beck:
Shri Kumbhar:
Shri B. C. Kamble:
 *925. { **Shri Manay:**
Shri D. A. Katti:
Shri Balasaheb Salunke:
Shri Dige:
Shri Jaipal Singh:
Shri Frank Anthony:
Shri Barrow:
Shri B. K. Gaikwad:

Will the Minister of Law be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the constitutional implications involved in the declared election to the Lok Sabha of Shri V. V. Giri, Governor of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the conclusions drawn?

The Minister of Law (Shri A. K. Sen): (a) The matter is still under the consideration of the Ministry of Law.

(b) The question does not arise.

Training in Atomic Warfare

*926. **Shri Rameshwar Tantia:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken to train our Defence Forces in the technique of atomic warfare; and

(b) whether any Newsletter or Magazine is published for the Defence Forces containing news of latest technique of warfare and defence science?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Shri Raghuramaiah): (a) No special steps have been taken to give training in the technique of atomic warfare to our defence forces: But some theoretical study of the technique of atomic, biological and chemical warfare is given at the Army's Training School.