

Shri Goray: Is it not true that recently there have been amendments to the Emigration and Foreigners' Registration Act in Burma; and they also verge on expropriation?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: I submit that that does not arise out of this question.

Border Raids

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*131. { **Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha:**
Pandit D. N. Tiwary:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the number of border raids by Pakistani forces during this year on the Rajasthan border;

(b) whether the three Indian nationals kidnapped by the Pakistanis in the second week of September, 1957 from the villages near Mithalan in Banur district (Rajasthan) have since been recovered; and

(c) the number of cattle taken away by the Pakistanis during the above incident?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon):

(a) There were two raids during the period from 1st January 1957 to 15th October 1957 in which Pakistani forces were involved.

(b) 'Mithalan' and 'Banur' district, refer, presumably, to village Mithdau in District Barmer of Rajasthan. No incident involving kidnapping of three Indian nationals by Pakistanis took place in this village in the second week of September, 1957.

(c) Does not arise.

Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha: Is it a fact that Mangal Singh and Banwar Singh, two dacoits, are taking shelter in Pakistan near the border and have formed a gang which is responsible for most of the border raids?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: That does not arise from this question at all.

Shri Kasitwal: May I know whether in the previous raids in which some members of the Pakistani Army were involved, as the hon. Minister has said, there were instances of cattle lifting, and if so, have the Government of India asked for any compensation to be paid in respect of those cattle?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: There were only two raids, as has been pointed out, in which the Pakistan armed forces were involved, one on the 8th March 1957 and the other on the 28th August 1957.

Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha: May I know whether there has been any increase or decrease in the border raids, and what are the reasons therefor?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: I want notice.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: May I know whether the security of the border is the responsibility of the Central Government or of the Rajasthan Government?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: Of both.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: What assistance is being given in this matter by the Central Government in patrolling the border?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: There is the Rajasthan Armed Police as well as any other aid that the Rajasthan Government might seek in order to protect the border against raids from Pakistan.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: Is it not a fact that the Rajasthan Government has been representing all these years to strengthen its hands in guarding the border? If so, what steps have been taken by the Central Government in this matter?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: The same question has been answered many times on the floor of the House and I have nothing more to add.