Master Plan will be discussed with those members who are interested in it. Has it been done?

Shri Karmarkar: I am grateful to you for giving me this opportunity for making this additional announcement. We have fixed the 13th, between 9.30 a.m. and 11 a.m. for this

12 hrs.

discussion. I am looking forward to all useful suggestions by hon. Members.

Shri Radha Raman: May I know whether the Chief Commissioner's recommendation or note contains anything with regard to colonisation in Delhi or about the treatment which the colonisers of Delhi will have under the new scheme?

Shri Karmarkar: As I said, it related to acquisition and development of land. So far as distribution is concerned, as I had occasion to indicate to the House last time, cooperative building societies are being sought to be given a preference and all that which I said last time.

Shri Radha Raman: The hon, Minister has just now said that the points which the Chief Commissioner made out in his note are under consideration. How long will Government take to come to a final decision with regard to the note?

Shri Karmarkar: An answer to a question of that kind is very difficult to anticipate. But if I were to have my way, I should have finished it within six months' time.

Shrimati IIa Palchoudhuri: Within this scheme is a scheme for displaced persons of East Bengal to be settled in Delhi and Kalkaji also included? A colony has to be put up in Delhi for them.

Shri Karmarkar: If I might tell my hon, friend with great respect, the whole of this question and answer relate to Delhi and Delhi alone and not to East Bengal and West Bengal. Shrimat IIa Palchoudhuri: This colony will be in Delhi for displaced persons from East Bengal serving in Government offices here.

Shri Karmarkar: I think all these questions are being looked after.

Shri B. K. Gaikwad: Removal untouchability is the policy of Government and the Government expecting to have common where Scheduled Castes people will be provided with plots for. If so, may I know whether Government will insert any condition to the effect that 20 per cent of the plots with each co-operative housing society shall be reserved for Scheduled Castes people, before such housing societies registered.

Shri Karmarkar: That relates to 20 per cent of plots sold to individuals or of land in general?

shri B. K. Gaikwad: Government should insert a condition that 20 per cent of the plots of each co-operative housing society shall be reserved for Scheduled Castes people in order to have common colonies according to Government policy.

Shri Karmarkar: All I can do is to convey this suggestion of the hon. Member to the authorities concerned. Beyond that I am not in a position to say anything.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION Vacation of Longju

- S.N.Q. No. 3 Shri Hem Barua: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact, as reported in the press, that the Chinese have recently vacated Longju, the Indian outpost in NEFA which they occupied in August, 1959 after a violent push through; and
- (b) if so, the actual position of Longiu at present?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) and (b). Reports have reached us that the Chinese have

abandoned the post they held at Longju and have withdrawn about three miles to the north. It is further reported that this withdrawal was necessitated by an outbreak of an epidemic in the area. The withdrawal may therefore, be considered one of convenience.

Shri Hem Barua: In view of the fact that Longju was forcibly occupied by Chinese troops in contravention of international laws and ethics, may I know whether our Government proposes to re-occupy that position after the Chinese troops have vacated Longju in NEFA?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: In regard Longju hon. Members might remember, because it occurs White Papers, that we had suggested that as we were discussing these matters neither side should occupy it and there the matter rested. It true that the Chinese Government did not accept this proposal and they continued to occupy it and took that stand. But considering that they have vacated it because of an epidemic, it is not a very attractive proposition to us to march into the epidemic.

Shri Hem Barua: The Chinese who conquered Mount Everest at the first onslaught. To believe that they were overpowered by a mere epidemic is something very strange. In view of that would Government try to ascertain from Peking whether this is friendly gesture on the part of China?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: First of all, the distance is so little—so far as our information goes it is about three miles—that it is rather difficult where Longju ends and where the next village begins. For $u_{\rm S}$ to ask them the question that the hon, Member suggested seems to be hardly desirable in this form. I might, with your permission, say something. Some hon. Member had sent a short notice question about Indo-Chinese, or rather the India-China official level talks in Rangoon. I gather that they have concluded and that in the course of

two, three or four days—I am not quite sure—our delegation will be coming back with whatever reports they may have signed.

Shri Hem Barua: May I know whether Government are aware of the actual date or the approximate date on which Longju was vacated by the Chinese troops and the date when the Government got this information? Is there a timelage between the two, that is, the date of vacation by the Chinese and the date on which the Government got the information about that?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: There is a considerable timelag. I cannot say how. In fact, even now I cannot speak with any certainty because we have naturally had to rely on odd people who normally come across the frontier. We do not send our people there. We do not send our aircraft to fly over there because of this broad agreement that we will not cross each other's territory. As hon. Members would remember, Longju is just inside the border. According to us too the border was just beyond Longju. It is a question of two or three miles and if you fly over it, it is inevitable that you cannot fly a mile here and a mile there but you fly over a much broader stretch of territory. The point therefore that neither by flight have we tried to ascertain this nor in any other way ensured this with certainty. As reports have come to us through various other means, we cannot give dates etc. about this matter.

Shri Vidya Charan Shukla: May I know if the Government are taking any steps to prevent the re-occupation of our outpost that has been vacated just now by the Chinese on the pretext of an epidemic outbreak?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: No, Sir. It is rather difficult for me to explain the geography of the place. But if we merely tried to occupy Longju first of all it will be taking a step which under the present understanding we are not supposed to take just

as the Chinese are not supposed to take any such step. Secondly, it would involve it seems—I talk in terms of two or three miles—a fairly major undertaking.

Shri Mohammed Imam: It is said that an epidemic in a severe form is prevailing there. Has our Government taken any steps to afford medical facilities to the people living in that area?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: Living at Longiu? No. Sir.

Shri Mohammed Imam: Is that noman's land?

Mr. Speaker: He wants to know whether Longju has been abandoned both by the Chinese and by our Government.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: Longju, if I may repeat, is according to us exactly near the border. It is on our side of the border. The line goes there. This was occupied forcibly by the Chinese as the House knows. Our post is a few miles on this side. The Chinese were in occupation. The Chinese have departed from there. In fact, our information is that in order to build three miles away their barracks or whatever they are, they destroyed the hutments at have Longju and taken the bricks and other materials to build the other place. Longju is practically a place without any residential area.

Shri Vidya Charan Shukla: According to our proposal which the Chinese did not accept, we said that Longju should not be occupied by either our forces or theirs. I want to know what steps we have taken to see that they do not again intrude into our territory 3 miles.

Mr. Speaker: He has already answered that.

Shri Tyagi: Has the Government been able to ascertain as to what type of epidemic it is, whether it is a natural epidemic or they have created artificially by gas, etc. some epidemic to prevent our reaching there?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: No. I do not know.

Shri Tyagi: What is the epidemic? Is it cholera? What is the disease?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I have not received a doctor's report. These are travellers' tales which when confirmed by repeated travellers, one accepts more or less.

Shri Tyagi: What is the epidemic?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I cannot say.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Passenger Vessels

*808. Shri P. G. Deb: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1200 on the 9th September, 1960 and state:

- (a) whether the proposal to acquire two passenger vessels has since been considered; and
- (b) if so, the decision taken in the matter?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) No, Sir, The proposal is to be considered in the Third Five Year Plan.

(b) Does not arise.

Charges Against Divisional Superintendent, Jaipur

*812. Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to unstarred Question No. 1616 on the 26th August, 1960 and state:

(a) whether the examination of the report of the Special Police Establishment against the Divisional Superin-