

that they are trying to find out the guilty persons. We have also asked the captain to show cause why the gold should not be confiscated; he has not yet replied.

श्री कामत : क्या यह सोना जप्त किया गया है ?

Shri A. C. Guha : I have stated that it is still under adjudication. It has been seized by the Calcutta customs authorities.

Cantonments

*1155. **Sardar Iqbal Singh :** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for establishing Cantonments or constructing military accommodation for the troops stationed in the Punjab, PEPSU and Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the names of the places where such Cantonments will be established; and

(c) when this scheme will be completed?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia) : (a) No. There is no proposal for the establishment of more Cantonments in the Punjab, PEPSU and Rajasthan States but there is a proposal to construct military accommodation in all stations where troops are permanently located and where adequate accommodation is not available.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Sardar Iqbal Singh : May I know whether the Government is aware of the fact that eight years have now passed and there is no accommodation in the border town for the troops still stationed there ?

Sardar Majithia : I certainly appreciate the anxiety of the hon. Member in thinking about these servicemen who are living under very hard conditions. But with the funds at our disposal, we can hardly make all the accommodation that is required for all the troops. That will have to be spread into a number of places and this work is already in hand.

Sardar Iqbal Singh : May I know whether the Government has at any time assessed the loss that Government is suffering in stores and other things due to the non-construction of adequate accommodation ?

Sardar Majithia : Yes, we certainly have assessed it; and we are trying to make the best out of the bad job.

Sardar Iqbal Singh : May I know whether the Government is aware of the fact that the construction of military cantonments in the border area will help the people in the area in trade and commerce ?

Sardar Majithia : That is an entirely different question; we have only to consider the strategic importance of the place for building cantonments; trade and commerce is an entirely different matter.

श्री भक्त बर्षान : ग्रामी मंत्री महोदय ने बतलाया कि पंजाब, पेप्सु और राजस्थान में कोई नई छावनी नहीं बनाई जा रही है। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या देश के किसी और भाग में कोई छावनी बनाने का विचार किया जा रहा है ? यदि हाँ, तो कहा पर ?

सरदार मजीठिया : ग्रामी तो और कोई जगह नहीं है, मगर जैसे जैसे जरूरत पड़ेगी, वैसे वैसे बनायेंगे।

Tripura State Bank Ltd.

*1156. **Shri Biren Dutt :** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations for the integration of Tripura State Bank Ltd., with the State Bank of India; and

(b) if so, the action taken on them?

The Minister of Revenue and Defence Expenditure (Shri A. C. Guha) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is not proposed to amalgamate the Bank with the State Bank of India.

Shri Biren Dutt : May I know whether the Tripura State Bank is running at a loss ?

Shri A. C. Guha : It is running at a loss, it is in a very bad condition.

Shri Biren Dutt : What is the subscribed capital of the bank ?

Shri A. C. Guha : The subscribed capital is Rs. 32,63,900. There are 32,639 shares out of which 25,000 shares belong to the Tripura Government.

Shri N. B. Chowdhury : May I know whether, in view of the fact that Government is not going to amalgamate this bank with the State Bank of India, Government propose to open a branch of the State Bank in that State ?