

join them in violence—and he was a noted personality. I cannot offhand say what our attitude will be to persons guilty of such a murder. Apart from such individual and clear cases, there is no desire to pursue them in any way or to punish them. They are a very fine and rather simple people, and speaking for myself, I have a very great liking for them and a great feeling of sympathy for them.

Dr. Rama Rao : Is it a fact that some leaders of the Naga Council requested for an interview with the hon. Prime Minister? In view of the sentiments just now expressed and in view of the possibility of their understanding the Prime Minister's views and coming to an agreement or influencing the misguided elements there, why should not the Prime Minister kindly see them and await the results?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru : As I just mentioned, I have seen bigger leaders than these several times. I regret to say that every time I saw them, that meeting with me was exploited entirely for wrong purposes there and it was made out there as if they bypassed the Governor and the Assam Government and come to me and that apparently the Assam Government and the Governor of Assam could be ignored completely. This is the kind of propaganda that was done.

Then again, on two occasions, I think, the Chief Minister of Assam, saw Mr. Phizo, the leader of the Naga National Council. On both occasions, Mr. Phizo gave definite assurances about peaceful methods, about various things, and he broke them. And what is more even as he was giving the assurance, he was working in a different way. I am sorry to say it was a bad business—this kind of intrigue double-faced business—and when all this has been happening, open violence, we made it quite clear that we will not deal with anybody except on the basis of two things being done : one was violence being given up; the other was that we would not entertain any demand for independence, that is, separation from

India. These two things were made perfectly clear. Otherwise, we will not talk to them. As a matter of fact, these three gentlemen who are here have not seen me—I did not see them, it is perfectly true because I had stated long ago that I will only see them on these conditions—but my colleague the Home Minister saw them; others have seen them here. They can go and see the people in my Ministry. After all, the Prime Minister has no time to see everybody; he has no time for that.

Shri Kamath : The Prime Minister yesterday told the House that in the past, on two or three occasions, he had granted interview to Phizo before trouble broke out in that area of Assam-Naga Hills District. On those occasions, was any suggestion made by the Prime Minister to Phizo that the proposal for constituting the Naga Hills District into an autonomous State within the Indian Union might be considered but not the demand for independence from the Indian Union?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru : No, Sir. No such proposal was made.

Scheme for Regional Committees in Punjab

S. N. Q. No. 8. Giani G. S. Musafir : Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to lay a copy of the Punjab Regional Scheme on the Table of the House.

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WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

RAILWAY ROLLING STOCK

***1086. Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad :** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Broad Gauge and Metre Gauge locomotives, wagons and coaches received so far under the Indo-American Technical Co-operation Programme;