

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia): (a) The Directorate of Infantry has done useful work.

(b) A proposal to that effect is under consideration.

(c) No change in duties is contemplated at present.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether Government have incurred any additional expenditure in opening this Directorate?

Sardar Majithia: No additional expenditure was involved, as certain other posts were given up and the officers from those posts were taken over and posted here.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether operational researches to determine technical requirements for the Infantry Directorate were taken into consideration?

Sardar Majithia: I do not know about that question, but the Directorate has got charge of these duties: (a) to keep the Chief of General Staff informed of the nature of training, equipment and fitness for war of all the different units including the infantry units of the Territorial Army; (b) to advise the Staff of Army Headquarters, where necessary, on all matters including policy pertaining to the infantry; (c) to promote infantry interests and to obtain ideas and suggestions from Commanders and officers from all levels with a view to making this knowledge available to all.

श्री भक्त बर्शन : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि इस नये डायरेक्टोरेट (निदेशालय) को स्थापित करने की कौनसी विशेष आवश्यकता थी जब कि यह काम और दूसरी मैशिनरी (व्यवस्था) के द्वारा हो ही रहा था ।

सरदार मजीथिया : यह काम पहले नहीं हो रहा था और इसके लिए खास डायरेक्टोरेट बनाया गया है । लेकिन जैसा कि मैं ने कहा जो पहले आफिसर्स थे उनमें से ही इस डायरेक्टोरेट के लिए आफिसर्स लिए गये हैं । कोई दूसरा फालतू खर्चा नहीं किया गया है ।

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether this Directorate had the work of raising units, and if so, how many units were raised by it?

Sardar Majithia: No, Sir. That is not the work of this Directorate. That is entirely a matter for the General Staff.

DISTURBANCE IN NAGA HILLS, ASSAM

***1406 Shri P. L. Kureel:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the special measures that have been adopted to safeguard the lives of the Army Officers and other ranks, operating in the area of Naga Hills of Assam which is inaccessible and treacherous; and

(b) the total number of casualties on both the sides since the present operations began?

The Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) No special measures are considered necessary.

(b) 28 killed and 17 wounded.

Shri P. L. Kureel: May I know what special instructions have been issued to the Army Officers and other ranks operating in the area to avoid the indiscriminate killing of innocent Nagas?

Shri Datar: Steps are always taken to see that innocent people are not killed.

POLO TEAM TO U.K.

***1408. Dr. Rama Rao:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned any amount to meet the expenses of a Polo team visiting United Kingdom;

(b) when it is leaving India and the names of the countries it will visit; and

(c) the facilities and cash contribution sanctioned by Government?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education (Dr. M. M. Das): (a) Not yet but steps are being taken to sanction an *ad hoc* grant of Rs. 35,000/-.