

But, the fact of the matter was that according to various approaches a fair number of them had got these passports. Two or three were left over. It seemed discriminatory to leave two or three out. We included the two or three also.

Shri Sadhan Gupta: May I know whether this privilege was extended to them at the request of the persons receiving the privilege or it was a decision arrived at by the Government of India *suo motu*?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: There was no combined request made to us. But, individual requests had come to us from time to time.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Next Question. The Rulers have gone, we need not stay on here.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: It is a question of principle.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: If it is a question of principle, then, it can be decided at some other time, not during the Question hour.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: I want a little information.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Information! I allowed the hon. Member three questions.

Departure of Phizo for U.S.A.

*1737 { **Shri P. C. Borooah:**
Shrimati Ha Palchoudhuri:
Shri S. A. Mehdi:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government of India's attention has been drawn to news appearing in the *Statesman* dated the 19th March, 1959 to the effect that Phizo, the rebel Naga Leader, is not in Pakistan but that he is now on his way to the U.S.A., if he has not already reached there,

(b) whether the Government of India have made any enquiries in regard thereto; and

(c) if so, with what result?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) to (c) We have no definite information that Phizo has gone to U.S.A. Some vague reports to that effect have reached us but we have been unable to get any confirmation.

Shri P. C. Borooah: May I know whether the Government made any enquiries as to his escape from Assam, and if they have made any enquiries, whether any move was made to the Pakistan Government to bring him back for trial?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): I have not heard the question.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: The question is whether any enquiry has been made from Pakistan as to whether he has actually left that country and gone somewhere else.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: We cannot make enquiries from the Pakistan Government because the Pakistan Government has not admitted that he has been there. As for other enquiries, one tries to get as much information as possible.

Shri Raghunath Singh: May I know whether it is a fact that there is an arms deal between the party of Phizo and Pakistan to supply arms?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: What has that to do with this question?

Shri Raghunath Singh: He has gone to Pakistan for that purpose, for arms.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Purposes are not discussed here.

Shri Braj Raj Singh: May I know whether any enquiries are being made from the U.S.A. about Phizo's presence there?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Why should those enquiries be made, I cannot follow.

The question is whether any enquiries are being made from the USA

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: We do not make enquiries from Governments about such matters, but we try to take advantage of such sources as we have

Shri Hem Barua: May I know whether it is a fact that Phizo's escape to Pakistan was made possible by the co-operation of some of the European planters on the Cachar border, and whether the documents that were seized by the Manipur police establish this fact?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I cannot say is it the question whether his visit to Pakistan was aided by some planters?

Shri Hem Barua. European planters

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I could not say that

Mr Deputy-Speaker: Have the Mampur police seized some documents which give that clue that he was aided by some planters?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I should not like to answer that question without finding out what the exact facts are

Shri P C Borooah: Is it a fact that Pakistan, in order to mislead India about Phizo's re-entry into the Naga hills, has made out this news?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I have not understood the question

Mr Deputy-Speaker: He himself put that question, and now that the answer is given, he goes back that that is not correct

Water Supply to Jharia Coal Fields

*1738. **Shri P. C Bose:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that a substantial amount of money was paid

to the Jharia Water Board several years back to augment the water supply to the Jharia Coal Fields;

(b) if so, the work done to arrange for the water supply so far,

(c) the cause of delay in completing the work, and

(d) the time by which the water supply is expected?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) to (d) The question will be answered by the Minister of Health on a subsequent date

India-Sikkim Road

*1739 **Shri Rameshwar Tantia:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state

(a) the progress so far made in the construction of the India-Sikkim Road and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Chinese authorities in Tibet are constructing roads linking Tibet with Sikkim and India?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sdath Ali Khan): (a) I presume Hon'ble Member is referring to Gangtok-Nathula Road which has already been completed and was formally opened on 17th September, 1958

(b) The Government of India have no definite information whether the Government of China are constructing a road to link it with the Gangtok-Nathula Road. So far as is known, no such construction has begun

Shri Rameshwar Tantia. May I know what has been the total expenditure on this road, and whether Sikkim has contributed some part?