History of Freedom Movement in West Bengal

2210. Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri B. K. Das:
Shri P. C. Barman;

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) the extent to which the State of West Bengal has progressed to compile a history of Freedom Movement in West Bengal as desired by the Centre;
- (b) whether it is a fact that a "Who is Who" Committee has also been formed there;
- (c) if so, the functions of the Committee:
- (d) the amount spent by the Central as well as the State Governments for those two purposes; and
- (e) when the works will be completed?

The Minister of Education (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) The Government of India have not asked the Government of West Bengal to compile a History of Freedom Movement in West Bengal. The State Government were only asked to bring out a Bengali translation of the First Volume of the History of Freedom Movement by Dr. Tara Chand but they have regretted their inability to do so at present.

- (b) Yes, Sir. Two Committees have been set up by the State Government.
- (c) The Committees are engaged in the collection of material for the compilation of a "Who is Who" of persons who took part in the freedom struggle. One Committee is for the period from 1818 to 1904 and the other for the period from 1905 to 1947.
- (d) The State Government were expected to spend a sum of Rs. 30,542

upto the end of 1963-64 for the preparation of a "Who is Who", against which a sum of Rs. 9,881 has already been paid to them by the Government of India.

(e) According to the information available at present, the work of compilation of "Who is Who" is expected to be completed by the State Committees by June 1964.

12.02 hrs.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER
OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

REPORTED ENTRY OF NAGA HOSTILES INTO "NAGALAND

Shri S. M. Banerjee (Kanpur): I call the attention of the Prime Minister to the following matter of urgent public importance and I request that he may make a statement thereon:

The reported statement of the Chief Minister of Nagaland that a large number of Naga hostiles are trying to enter Nagaland.

The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): In December, 1963, a band of hostile Nagas crossed the south-western portion of the Manipur boundary into the Chin Hills area of Burma from where they proceeded to East Pakistan with the object collecting arms etc. which were ported to have arrived there. They reached Burma on their return journey to Nagaland and are said to be skirting the eastern boundary Manipur and proceeding northwards through Burmese territory. Their strength, with porters, is said to be 850.

Our Security Forces are alive to the situation and are taking necessary precautions.