

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) to (c). Government are not aware of any direct attempt made by Pakistan to buy 600 American made M-47 tanks from West Germany. However, it was reported that Pakistan was negotiating through a third country to buy 200 odd American made M-47 tanks from West Germany. We took up this question with the concerned Governments expressing our apprehension that these tanks may find their way to Pakistan. According to our information the transaction did not materialize.

Homes for Invalid Ex-Servicemen

731. Shri Sharda Nand:
Shri J. B. Singh:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shri Ranjit Singh:
Shri Indrajit Gupta:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scheme to set up homes for invalid and old ex-servicemen has been formulated;

(b) if so, the main features thereof; and

(c) the locations of such homes?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) A proposal to set up a Paraplegic Home in the North on the lines of the Red Cross Home in Bangalore is under consideration of Government.

(b) and (c). The details as well as location of the Home are yet to be settled.

Theft of Tyres and Tubes from Palam Airport

732. Shri Sharda Nand:
Shri J. B. Singh:
Shri Bharat Singh Chauhan:
Shri Ranjit Singh:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 9 on the 20th March, 1967 regarding the theft of

tyres and tubes from Palam Airport and state:

(a) whether the investigation into the theft of tyres and tubes has since been completed;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, how long it will take to complete the investigation?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) and (b). The case is still under investigation.

(c) The investigation is likely to be completed shortly but no definite date of completion can be indicated.

Talks with Nagas

733. Shri Swell:
Dr. Karni Singh:
Shri R. K. Birla:
Shri Kikar Singh:
Shri Kolar Birua:
Shri D. N. Patodia:
Shri Ram Kishan Gupta:
Shri Kanwar Lal Gupta:
Shri E. S. Vidyarthi:
Shri Mohan:
Shri Bibhut Mishra:
Shri K. N. Tiwary:
Shri E. Barua:
Shri S. K. Tapariah:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in the talks held by the Prime Minister with the rebel Naga leaders;

(b) when an agreement is likely to be arrived at;

(c) the number of violent incidents in which the Naga rebels indulged during the last six months;

(d) whether it has been brought to the notice of the Naga rebel leaders that they are regularly seeking help from Pakistan, if so, what is their reaction thereto; and

(e) whether Government have taken any measures to prevent Pakistani help going to Nagas?