

Nanglam in Bhutan under the Aid Bhutan Programme.

[English]

Amendments to Official Secrets Act

(b) After the agreement on the project is signed between the Govt. of India and the Royal Govt. of Bhutan, the Detailed Project Report of the Nanglam Cement Project will be updated. The project is likely to be taken up for execution in 1993 and is expected to be completed in 1997-98.

2593. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA:
DR. RAVI MALLU:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

[Translation]

**CBI Investigation on Assassination of
JMM Leader in Bihar**

2592. SHRI SIMON MARANDI:
SHRI SHAILENDRA MAHTO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Bihar had requested the Union Government to get the assassination case of the Ex-President of the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha, Late Nirmal Mahto investigated by the Central Bureau of Investigation;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon; and

(c) the progress made in the investigation of the case so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Investigation of this case was completed by the Central Bureau of Investigation and a charge sheet filed in the Court against the accused.

(a) whether there is any proposal to amend the Official Secrets Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) when it is likely to be amended?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). There has been a proposal to carry out certain amendments to the Official Secrets Act, 1923 which are generally aimed at making the relevant provisions more liberal to provide treated access to official information. In view of the importance and complexity of the subject, formulation of definite views on the issues involved in the matter, would necessarily take time.

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2594. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV:
SHRI SANAT KUMAR
MANDAL:
SHRI SUKHENDU KHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "What were the two Britons doing in North-East?" appearing in the Indian Express dated February 14, 1992;