

paganda activity along the NEFA border.

(b) and (c). Government are satisfied that their administrative organization enjoys the confidence of our tribal people and can effectively prevent them from being misled by any false propaganda. However, constant vigilance is exercised by our Posts to ensure that such propagandist activities are not spread to our territory.

#### **Dam on Sutlej River by Chinese**

- \*19. { **Shri Hem Raj;**  
**Shri Assar;**  
**Shri Prakash Vir Shastri;**  
**Shri P. K. Deo;**

Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chinese propose to dam the waters of River Sutlej in Tibet before it enters Indian Soil in the Chini Area; and

(b) if so, how will it affect the irrigation and power projects in India?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan):** (a) and (b). we are not aware of the proposal. Normally, under established international practice, each riparian has freedom of action within its own territory, but it does not do anything which would materially injure the other riparian.

#### **Asbestos Factories in Andhra Pradesh**

\*20. **Shri Osman Ali Khan:** Will the **Minister of Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision for setting up an Asbestos Factory for processing of Asbestos Fibres in Cuddapah District in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the nature of the decision?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) and (b). The

questions of exploration and of setting up a factory to process asbestos deposits are under active examination.

#### **Nuclear Test by France in Indian Ocean**

\*21. **Shri C. R. Narasimhan:** Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any information about the proposal of France to conduct test explosions of a hydrogen bomb in the Indian Ocean; and

(b) whether in view of the dangers arising out of such explosion by way of radio fallout and contamination any protest has been lodged or proposed to be lodged with France against this contemplated test?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

The view of the Government of India in regard to nuclear test explosions are well known. They are entirely opposed to them.

#### **Circle Officer Killed by Naga Hostiles**

- \*22. { **Shrimati Maftida Ahmed;**  
**Shri Khushwaqt Rai;**  
**Shri Vajpayee;**  
**Shri Raghunath Singh;**  
**Shri D. C. Sharma;**  
**Shri Arjun Singh Bhaduria;**  
**Shri P. K. Deo;**  
**Shri S. A. Mehdi;**

Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that **Shri Sadananda Chaliha**, Circle Officer of Bhandari in Naga Hills was shot dead by the Naga hostiles on the 20th January, 1961; and

(b) if so, the details of the incident?