

Nepal Government Leaflets in Darjeeling and Sikkim

*363. **Shri Surendranath Dwivedy:**
Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that leaflets in support of the Royal take-over in Nepal published by the Nepal Government were distributed in Darjeeling and Sikkim; and

(b) if so, which are the agencies that undertook such work and whether the present Government of Nepal informed the Government of India about this matter?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon):

(a) and (b). It is true that certain leaflets and pamphlets were distributed in Darjeeling. We have no information whether this was done in Sikkim.

It appears that the distribution of these leaflets etc. was organised by Sant Bir Lama who is Bada Hakim of Illam and Jhapa (Bhadrapur) serving under the Government of Nepal. He carries on business also in Darjeeling.

Suggestion for Increase in Excise Duty on Tea by Assam

*364. { **Shri P. C. Borooah:**
Shri P. K. Deo:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Assam have suggested to the Government of India for an increase of one anna per pound in the excise duty on tea to make up the loss of revenue that Assam is likely to suffer as a result of the Supreme Court's judgment invalidating the carriage tax on tea; and

(b) if so, the reactions of Government?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri B. R. Bhagat): (a) No.

(b) Question does not arise.

Expansion of Durgapur Steel Plant

*365. { **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:**
Shri Osman Ali Khan:
Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether negotiations for obtaining a loan for the expansion of the Durgapur Steel Plant have been finalised; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) Negotiations for obtaining a loan for the expansion of the Durgapur Steel Plant have not been finalised.

(b) Does not arise.

Indian Economic Service and Indian Statistical Service

*366. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
Shri A. M. Tariq:
Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri Pangarkar:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 147 on the 16th November, 1960 and state the up-to-date progress made with regard to the setting up of the Indian Economic Service and the Indian Statistical Service?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): Certain amendments have recently been proposed to the draft rules for the two Services which are under consideration in consultation with the Union Public Service Commission. Approval of the Government to the promulgation of those rules will be obtained as soon as they are finalised.

Financial Aid to Gurukulas

*367. { **Shri Rameshwar Tanti:**
Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri Bhakt Darshan:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to refer to the reply given to