

Thumba Rocket Launching Station

14. { Shri A. K. Gopalan:
 Shri Imlchihava:
 Shri Nambiar:
 Shri Kameshwar Tantia:
 Shri Omkar Lal Bherwa:
 Shri Bishancharnder Seth:
 Shri B. P. Yadava:
 Shri Dhason

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Scientific and Technical Committee of the United Nations Outer Space Committee has recommended that the UN sponsorship be granted to the Thumba Rocket Launching Station; and

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard?

The Prime Minister and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) Yes.

(b) The recommendations of the Scientific Group of the Scientific and Technical Sub-Committee of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, which visited Thumba in January 1964, are still under the consideration of the United Nations Committee on Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

Naga Hostiles

15. Dr. L. M. Singhvi: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 65 on the 1st June, 1964 and state:

(a) whether the Naga hostiles who entered the Indian territory some time ago have since been apprehended;

(b) if so, their number and the description of arms found in their possession; and

(c) the specific efforts made to apprehend them?

The Minister of Defence Production in the Ministry of Defence (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) No, Sir.

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(b) Does not arise.

(c) Additional troops were moved to the area and commensurate with the resources available every effort was made to block the likely routes of the gang of hostiles and intercept them.

The security forces have undertaken intensive operations since April 1964 and were able to intercept a hostile gang of 150 Nagas under Yeveto Sema, which had escaped into East Pakistan on or about 9-4-1964. On the 2nd June, 1964, a platoon of the security forces encountered this gang in area approximately 22 miles south-west of Churachandpur and 2 miles along the international border inside Manipur. In the encounter, 20 hostiles were killed and 4 wounded, one of whom was reported to have died later.

Newspprint Policy

16. { Dr. L. M. Singhvi:
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Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 81 on the 1st June, 1964 and state:

(a) whether Government have now formulated a comprehensive newsprint policy; and

(b) if so, what are the principal factors and features in the formulation of this policy?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shrimati Indira Gandhi): (a) The matter is under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.