

SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO :  
 SHRI HIMATSINGKA :  
 SHRI MANGALATHUMADAM :  
 SHRI N. K. SANGHI :  
 SHRIMATI SHARDA  
 MUKHERJEE :  
 SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN LAL :  
 SHRI RAM SINGH AYARWAL :  
 SHRI RAM SWARUP  
 VIDARTHI :  
 SHRI BANSH NARAIN SINGH :  
 SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a press report which appeared in several papers on the 8th January, 1970 stating that the North Vietnam extended training facilities to the hostile Nagas ; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter was taken up with the DRVN Government who have categorically denied this. Government of India accept this position.

**Provisional Revolutionary Government  
 of South Vietnam's Delegation's  
 Visit to India**

427. SHRI K. M. Koushik :  
 SHRI DHIRESHWAR KALITA :  
 SHRI D. N. DEB :  
 DR. RANEN SEN :  
 SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA :  
 SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA :  
 SHRI D. AMAT :  
 SHRI V. NARASIMHA RAO :  
 SHRI J. MOHAMED IMAM :  
 SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI :  
 SHRIMATI SHARDA  
 MUKERJEE :  
 SHRI E. K. NAYANAR :  
 SHRI D. N. PATODIA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a delegation of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam visited India during December, 1969 and January, 1970 ;

(b) whether, during the course of their stay in New Delhi, they called on the Prime Minister, the Foreign Minister and several officials of the External Affairs Ministry ; and

(c) if so, the details of discussions held with the delegation ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) A group of six persons sponsored by the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam visited India from December 13, 1969 to January 9, 1970 at the invitation of two private Indian organisations.

(b) Mr. Van Tien was received in his personal capacity by the Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister and some officials of the External Affairs Ministry.

(c) It is customary not to divulge the details of such discussions.

**Visit to India by Wives of American  
 Servicemen Missing in Vietnam**

428. SHRI MOHAN SWARUP :  
 SHRI SRINIBAS MISRA :  
 SHRI MANGALATHUMADAM :  
 SHRI HIMATSINGKA :  
 SHRI RAM SINGH AYARWAL :  
 SHRI HUKAM CHAND  
 KACHWAI :  
 SHRI K. HALDER :  
 SHRI S. C. SAMANTA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that wives of four American Servicemen missing in Vietnam visited India during the second week of January, 1970 ;

(b) if so, whom they met and the result of the meeting ;

(c) whether their visit was sponsored by the American Government ; and

(d) whether the application for the visa by these four women was sponsored by the American Government ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) They met the Prime Minister and the