

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) and (b). All possible precautions have been taken. It would not be in the public interest to give any detailed information.

Firing Ranges of Yol, Ghurkari and Kachhiari

14. Shri Hem Raj: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the number of deaths and persons injured in the firing field ranges of Yol, Ghurkari and Kachhiari in District Kangra during the last five years;

(b) whether any investigations have been made and any compensation paid to the injured or to the relations of the deceased;

(c) whether it is a fact that these firing ranges are near the villages Yol and Ghurkari;

(d) if so, whether any representations have been made by the villagers to shift them outside the habitable area of these villages;

(e) if so, the action taken by Government to shift these ranges; and

(f) whether it is also a fact that the villagers of Yol, Ghurkari and Kachhiari have also suggested alternate sites and if so, the action taken by Government thereon?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) to (f). Information is being collected from the authorities concerned. As soon as it is available, it will be laid on the Table of the House.

12.02 hrs.

POINT OF PERSONAL EXPLANATION BY MINISTER

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): Sir, earlier in the

morning an insinuation had been made by an hon. Member, Shri Madhu Limaye, that I was in charge of the Indian Youth Congress and that the Youth Congress was receiving money from the CIA. I should like to say that he is wrong on both counts. I am not in charge of the Youth Congress. I am a member of its central advisory committee and I am very proud to be a member and of the confidence that the Congress President has placed in me. So far as the money is concerned, the Youth Congress draws on the funds of the Indian National Congress and does not receive any money from outside.

श्री लक्ष्मणसिन्घे (गुरेर) : गलत बिल्कुल गलत ।

डा० राज मनोहर मोहित्वा (कन्नौज) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, आज मैं नहीं हूँ, कभी वे या नहीं, मबाल तो यह है ?

Shri Dinesh Singh: I think, probably the hon Member is mixing up with his own youth wing

श्री जार्ज करमेश्वीर (बम्बई दक्षिण) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, ए० आई०सी० ने क्या मुझे गलत बतलाया ? मुझे बताया गया है

"He is all in all of the Congress Youth Organisation."

दफ्तर से मुझे बतलाया गया तो क्या वह गलत बतलाते हैं ?

श्री लक्ष्मणसिन्घे : क्या आपका दफ्तर झूठ बोलता है ? अखिल भारतीय कांग्रेस कमेटी का दफ्तर गलत जानकारी देता है ?

Mr. Speaker: You verify it. I am not interested in finding out what the Congress Committee office has said... (Interruptions).