

Shooting Incident Involving Daughter-in-Law of Former Defence Minister

*356. **SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU:** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the shooting incident in which the daughter-in-law of the former Defence Minister was involved;

(b) whether this matter was suppressed by Shri Bansi Lal and no enquiry was held;

(c) if so, the facts thereof; and

(d) whether Government propose to hold any enquiry in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHARAN SINGH):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Smt. Neelu Chaudhary, daughter-in-law of Shri Bansi Lal was injured under the chin by a revolver shot in her own bed room. An enquiry was held by Superintendent of Police, Ambala. Smt. Neelu Chaudhary's husband and her brother were present in the adjoining room at the time of the incident. According to her own statement she was taking out something from an almirah when a medicine bottle lying there spilled over some clothes and a revolver lying in the almirah. She started cleaning the revolver unaware of the fact that it was loaded. The revolver went off accidentally and injured her. The enquiry indicated that the injury was accidental caused by careless handling of the revolver by Smt. Neelu Chaudhary.

(d) If some new facts are brought to the notice of Government, Government will take appropriate action.

Proposal to disband Ministry of Shipping and Transport

*357. **SHRI M. N. GOVINDAN NAIR:** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal under consideration to disband the Ministry of Shipping and Transport;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to allot its functions among various other Ministries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Recording Station at Tirupati for Cuddapah Station

*358. **SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any recording station at Tirupati for feeding programmes for Cuddapah Station; and

(b) whether Government are aware that the T.T. Devasthanam offered its cooperation to establish the above station?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. However, it has not been the policy of Government to accept financial assistance from such bodies for setting up radio/television stations.

Silent Valley Project in Kerala

*359. **SHRI K. A. RAJAN:** Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kerala Government have pressed for providing adequate funds for the Silent Valley Project in Kerala; and