

the removal of Hindi words of command; and

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

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI M. R. KRISHNA): (a) The Scheme of ACC was abolished during 1965-66. As regards NOC, Madras Government had requested the Director NCC Madras not to hold any further instructions, drill or classes or camps till a decision was taken on their request to the Government of India that the words of Command used in the NCC should be in English or in the regional language. The Director NCC has accordingly discontinued all such training.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

#### Aid to Nepal

\*203. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO:  
SHRI DEIVEEKAN:  
SHRI D. C. SHARMA:  
SHRI JUGAL MONDAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Government of Nepal have requested for additional assistance for the development of certain projects in Nepal;

(b) if so, whether the Government of India have agreed to give the assistance asked for by the Government of Nepal;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of assistance given to the Nepal Government so far for the development of various projects?

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

The Government of India will provide additional assistance of upto Rs. 1 crores for certain development

schemes in the field of minor irrigation, education, health, agriculture, horticulture and village & cottage industries. The funds are to be utilised by the end of the next financial year, i.e. March 31, 1969. This additional assistance is being given at the special request of His Majesty's Government of Nepal and will be in addition to the schemes already approved under the Indian Cooperation Programme for the 5-year period ending in March, 1971.

(d) The information sought was furnished to the House in reply to Unstarred Question No. 379 put by Smt. Tarkeshwari Sinha for answer on May 25, 1967 by the Deputy Prime Minister.

#### पूर्व पाकिस्तान में हिन्दू

\* 204. श्री रामावतार शर्मा :

डा० सूर्य प्रकाश पुरी :

श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री :

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी :

क्या बौद्धिक-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करें कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पूर्व पाकिस्तान में हिन्दुओं को जान बूझकर निरंतर परेशान किया जा रहा है जिसके परिणामस्वरूप वे अधिक संख्या में भारत आ रहे हैं ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि इस संबंध में हाल में कुछ विख्यात नगरिक तथा हिन्दू राष्ट्रजन गिरफ्तार किये गये हैं ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस बारे में भारत सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

बौद्धिक-कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री ब० रा० भगत) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) जी हां ।

(ग) भारत सरकार ने पाकिस्तान के अल्पसंख्यकों की मुसीबतों के बारे में बार-बार वहां की सरकार से विरोध प्रदर्शन किया है और

उसे वाद दिलाया है कि 1950 के नेहरू-लियाकत समझौते के अन्तर्गत उसके क्या कर्तव्य हैं। मूल्यसंख्यकों की सुरक्षा का प्रश्न एक ऐसा कर्तव्य है जिसे अपने राष्ट्रियों के प्रति पाकिस्तान सरकार को निभाना चाहिए।

#### U.S.A.'s response to India's Military Needs

\*208. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a news report dated the 5th January, 1968 by the Washington Correspondent of the "Times of India" to the effect that U.S. is now willing to meet India's military needs because of her confrontation with "a communist neighbour"; and

(b) if so, whether the said report is correct?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SWARAN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under the revised policy regarding supply of military equipment to India and Pakistan announced by the U.S. Government on 12th April, 1967, supply of non-lethal military stores has been resumed. Supply of lethal equipment and stores has, however, not yet been resumed except to the limited extent of supply of spares on cash, on a case by case basis, for the lethal equipment already supplied by U.S.A. in the past. There is no change in the above policy of U.S. Government.

#### Representations from Small News papers

\*209. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations from the small newspapers in the country about the uncontrolled expansion of the major newspapers chain;

(b) whether Government propose to discourage the growth of monopoly chain newspapers in India and encourage the smaller newspapers; and

(c) if so, whether Government have any specific plans towards this end?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH): (a) Yes Sir. Only one newspaper had submitted a representation.

(b) and (c). In pursuance of one of its basic objectives, the Press Council has already undertaken a study of developments likely to lead towards monopoly or concentration of ownership. Its report will be finalised on receipt of replies to the Questionnaire which had been issued to various sections of the community in August, 1967. Further action will be considered by the Government in the light of recommendations made by the Council. Government is already giving systematic encouragement and assistance to the small and medium newspapers by way of suitable advertisement support; preferential allocation of newsprint; sustained supply of press releases; feature articles, photographs, ebonyid blocks, etc.

#### Equipment of Chinese Submarines with Nuclear Tips

\*210. SHRI D. N. PATODIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in the 'Patriot' dated the 8th December, 1967 that the Chinese submarines have been fitted with nuclear tips; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SWARAN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.