

Shri S. L. Saksena (Gorakhpur Distt.—North): May I know when this House can discuss the flood situation in the country? I would request that a date may be fixed for the purpose so that this House may give its opinion and its suggestions before the Flood Control Board meets.

Mr. Speaker: Which report is the Hon. Member referring to?

Shri S. L. Saksena: The Hon. Minister has just stated that the Central Flood Control Board will meet very soon. I hope the House will meet before that, and give its suggestions on the various aspects.

Shri Nanda: That Board is likely to meet in the middle of September.

Shri A. P. Sinha (Muzaffarpur East): In view of the importance of the document regarding the flood situation in these four States, a copy of it should be made available to each one of us.

Shri Nanda: That will be done.

Shri S. L. Saksena: When can we expect that debate to take place? It should be before the Flood Control Board meets.

Mr. Speaker: The Board is meeting in the middle of September, and the House is sitting during that month. Then we shall consider whether there should be a debate on the flood situation. First, let us have collection of all facts, as the Hon. Minister is saying.

STATEMENT ON GOA

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): Before I make a brief statement about certain developments in the North East Frontier Agency, with your permission, I should like to give some later figures in regard to Goa, i.e., in further correction of the figures I gave yesterday. These relate to the occurrences that took place on 15th August.

Yesterday I mentioned that 15 persons were known to be dead and 20

were still missing; others had returned, many being injured. Later information states that of these missing 20, 10 more have returned. There are 10 still not fully accounted for. But it is our information that 7 out of these 10 were shot down and are dead—this was on the 15th. Thus, the figure of deaths may now be presumed to be 22. There are 3 persons missing now. Of these, one, we know, is detained by the Portuguese Government. About 2, we do not know whether they are detained or where they are. The total figure of injured is 225, of whom about 38 are said to have serious injuries.

STATEMENT RE. NORTH EAST FRONTIER AGENCY

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): May I now read the statement about the North East Frontier Agency?

A number of questions have been asked in the Lok Sabha recently about the situation in the Tuensang division of the North East Frontier Agency. During the last few months, there have been sporadic outbreaks of violence by certain elements on the borders of the Naga Hills district and the south of the Tuensang division. These consisted of ambushes in which some Assam Rifles men as well as a number of tribal interpreters and other villagers were killed, some school buildings, houses and some villages were burnt, and medical supplies were looted. Government thereupon sent two companies of the Shillong Brigade in May this year for garrison duty at Tuensang to relieve Assam Rifles for rounding up the violent elements. Troops were used only for garrison duties and not for operations.

Some days ago, we received further information about some of these Nagas who were indulging in violence and arson. They had adopted hit and run tactics. The Political Officer of the Tuensang Division, who is himself