

hon. Member says that merely because the Freedom of the Religion Bill has been moved by a Private Member, that is the reason for all this. Each time it is mentioned that it is moved by a Private Member, Mr. Anand jumps up and says that it is moved by an important Member. It makes no difference how important a Member is because a Private Member's Bill is a Private Member's Bill, and it is not the Government's Bill. And therefore, for people to mount an agitation on this is in itself an extraordinary event which my hon. friend should realise. There is really no reason why all this agitation should take place. Incidents may occur in a big country like this at any moment. That, of course, I cannot deny. If it has taken place, it has taken place. We have said that there was an incidence in which it is said that a church was burnt down in Arunachal Pradesh. Now that church was a hut; it is not a church in the sense that we see churches in the cities here. It was a cottage. And the tribal people were saying that they do not want these other religions in their midst and they will burn it down. Even if the tribals have done it, it is not a desirable thing, and the matter is being investigated. And when we have a report, we will tell you about it.

MR CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Age limit for All India Services Examinations

*68. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the maximum age limit for appearing in the Indian Administrative Service Examination, Indian Economic Service and Indian Statistical Service Examination has been raised to 28 years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the maximum age limit for the Indian Forest Service Examination continues to remain 26 years; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to raise the maximum age limit to 28 years in the case of Indian Forest Service Examination also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. D. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir. The upper age limit for appearing at the Civil Services Examination for recruitment to the Indian Administrative Service, etc. and for appearing at the Indian Economic Service/Indian Statistical Service Examination has been raised to 28 years.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) For the Indian Forest Service Examination to be held in 1979, the upper age limit which is 26 years has not been raised. However, the subject of change in the procedure of recruitment to IFS is under consideration.

Nuclear explosion for peaceful purposes

*69. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:

SHRI T. ANJIAH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to carry out a nuclear explosion for peaceful purpose in the near future; and

(b) whether Government have offered any nuclear know-how to friendly countries for advancement of nuclear technology for peaceful purposes?

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

(b) No, Sir.