

"Festival of India" in Britain

2187. SHRI HARVENDAR SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian businessmen in Britain have complained of indifference by the organisers of the 'Festival of India' as far as their participation and representation therein is concerned; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) No, Sir, The High Commission has not received any complaints from Indian businessmen in Britain of indifference by the organisers of the Festival of India about their participation. On the contrary, efforts by the High Commission to mobilise Indian community and get them involved in the Festival have met with an enthusiastic response.

Serious diseases in villages near Chaliyar river, Mavoor, Kerala

2188. SHRI C. HARIDAS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some serious diseases have spread over in some villages near Chaliyar river, Mavoor, Kerala;

(b) if so, the number of villages and the people affected with such diseases;

(c) what are the reasons for the spread of such diseases in that area; and

(d) what action Government have taken or propose to take to eradicate the diseases in that area?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Purchase of Journals

2189. SHRI ROBIN KAKATI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry make bulk purchases annually of certain journals for distribution to the Indian missions abroad; and

(b) if so, the names of the journals and the number of copies of each of the journals so subscribed and annual amount spent in purchasing those journals?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details are enclosed.

List of the Periodicals/Magazines and the Amount Spent

Name of the Periodicals	No of copies	Amount (Rs.)
I. NEWSPAPERS		
1. Newspapers supplied to Embassy of India, Moscow from Head-quarter grant.	14	2532.00
II. WEEKLIES		
2. Illustrated Weekly of India	102	9547.0