

### Summoning of Indian Charge D' Affairs by U.S. State Department

319. SHRI RABI RAY : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Charge D' Affairs in Washington was summoned by an official of State Department of U.S.A. on the 31st December, 1975; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI BIPINPAL DAS) : (a) and (b) The Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs telephoned our Charged' Affairs in Washington on 30th December to express his Government's regret at what had been said at Chandigarh session of AICC by the Prime Minister with respect to the United States.

The Prime Minister's statements on foreign forces did not single out any particular country but were designed to alert our own people to the dangers of external intervention and subversion.

### Indian help in Arab's Field of Education and Medicine

320. SHRI AWADHESWAR PRASAD SINHA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister's Special Envoy has recently visited some of the Arab countries;

(b) whether he has submitted any report to Government on his visit;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that Arab countries have sought India's cooperation in the fields of education and medicine; and

(e) if so, what steps Government are contemplating in this direction ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI BIPINPAL DAS) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) These relate to development and expansion of bilateral cooperation with the countries visited.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) We have already extended our co-operation in these fields to these countries and further expansion of such cooperation is under consideration.

### संचार मंत्रालय में कर्मचारियों की अंग्रेजी हिन्दी का ज्ञान

321. श्री ओउम् प्रकाश त्यागी : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि संचार मंत्रालय में काम करने वाले कर्मचारियों के लिए अंग्रेजी तथा हिन्दी दोनों भाषाओं का ज्ञान आवश्यक कर दिया गया है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस दिशा में अब तक क्या प्रगति हुई है ?

†[Knowledge of English/Hindi for employees in Ministry of Communications]

321. SHRI OM PRAKASH TYAGI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the knowledge of both English and Hindi has been made essential qualification for the employees in the Ministry of Communications; and

(b) if so, the progress made so far in this regard ?]

संचार मंत्री (डा० शंकरदयाल शर्मा) :

(क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

†[THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (DR. SHANKER DAYAL SHARMA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.]

### दक्षिण अमरीका और दक्षिण पूर्व एशिया के देशों के साथ भारत के सम्बन्ध

322. श्री ओउम् प्रकाश त्यागी : क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि पिछले वर्ष के दौरान दक्षिण अमरीका और दक्षिण-पूर्व एशिया के देशों के साथ सौहार्दपूर्ण सम्बन्ध स्थापित करने के लिए सरकार ने क्या प्रयास किए ?

† [ ] English translation.