

## POLITICAL BROADCASTS BY RADIO MOSCOW

\*82. SHRI LOKANATH MISRA:

SHRI S. S. MARISWAMY:

SHRI K. C. PANDA:

SHRI SUNDAR MANI PATEL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether several Members of Parliament have recently complained to Government against the continuance of political broadcasts on various issues like the land grab movement in India by Radio Moscow—an official organ of the Soviet Union; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government of India in this regard?

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

(b) Radio Moscow gives its own assessment of political situation prevailing in India at a particular time. While commenting on the "land-grab" movement, it did not criticize Government of India's policies and actions. It was basing its comments on certain views expressed in a section of the Indian press.

## IMPORT OF DIAMONDS FROM AFRICA

\*83. SHRI BABUBHAI M. CHINAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Mineral Development Corporation has succeeded in importing diamonds direct from the primary producers in Africa;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the value of the imported diamonds; and

(c) the prospects of these diamonds being sold abroad after they are cut and processed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS (SHRI NITIRAJ SINGH CHAUDHARY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The National Mineral Development Corporation, Limited, have purchased rough diamonds from the Diamond Marketing Corporation of Ghana at Accra in August, 1970. It is not in commercial interest to disclose the details thereof at the present stage.

(c) The gem diamonds of the lot will be sold to holders of valid-import replenishment licenses or to merchants who may be issued

advance licenses subject to the condition of re-export after being cut and polished. Industrial diamonds will be sold to Actual Users in the country.

## DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF THE G.D.R. AND OF THE N.L.F. GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM.

\*84. SHRI BHOLA PRASAD:

DR. Z. A. AHMAD:

SHRI BALACHANDRA MENON:

SHRI MONORANJAN ROY:

SHRI ARJUN ARORA:

SHRI M. H. SAMUEL:

DR. SALIG RAM:

SHRI RAJENDRA PRATAP SINHA:

SHRI KRISHAN KANT:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the question of giving full diplomatic recognition to the German Democratic Republic and for recognition of the National Liberation Front Government of South Vietnam has recently been considered by Government; and

(b) if so, what decision has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): (a) and (b) India's relations with the German Democratic Republic are developing satisfactorily. Government announced its decision to establish relations at the level of Consulates-General on 3.8.70. No change in the level of representation is contemplated at present.

Government continues to maintain contact with all concerned parties in the Indo-China States. Government does not feel that any changes in the representational pattern with respect to South Vietnam are necessary at present.

\*85. [Transferred to the 19th November, 1970.]

## ENGINEERS SENT ABROAD

\*86. SHRI S. S. MARISWAMY:  
SHRI LOKANATH MISRA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some engineers are being sent abroad by the Engineers India Limited, a public sector concern; and