

naries to visit and work in this country; and

(b) the present number of foreign missionaries allowed to stay in this country at the end of 1968 and the names of the missions they represent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Foreign missionaries coming as additional members or in replacement of existing missionaries, are admitted into India only if they possess outstanding qualifications or specialised experience and Indians are not available for such work;

(b) The number of registered foreign missionaries in India as on the 1st January, 1968 (which is the latest information available) was as follows: —

Foreign Missionaries (other than Commonwealth Missionaries)	3,796
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Commonwealth Missionaries.	2,624
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Information about the names of the missions to which they belong is not available. However, a list showing the names of recognised foreign missions in India is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix LXVIII, An-nexure No. 12]

DRESS OF AIR HOSTESSES OF AIR-INDIA

*87. SHRI S. A. KHAJA MOHI-DEEN: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that traditional sari is being replaced by Churi-dar and Kurta for the air hostesses of Air-India;

(b) if so, the reasons for the same; and

(c) the total expenditure likely to be incurred in the change-over?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KA-RAN SINGH): (a) and (b) The Sari will remain the predominant uniform for all Indian Air Hostesses. Churidar and kameez is proposed to be introduced mainly for foreign air hostesses who at present wear western style dress, and also for some Indian air-hostesses to add variety to their costume.

(c) It is not possible to assess the amount at present, but the cost of the new uniform is likely to be about the same as that of the sari.

SHANKER'S WEEKLY CHILDREN'S SPECIAL NUMBER

*88. SHRI M. M. DHARIA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount that was given by the Central Government to Shankar's Weekly for its children's special number since 1961; and

(b) how many other weeklies in regional languages were given assistance since 1961 and the amount thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (PROF. V. K. R. V. RAO): (a) No grants have been sanctioned to 'Shankar's Weekly' since 1961 for its children's special numbers. Grants amounting to Rs. 3,09,330.89 have, however, been sanctioned to the Shankar's International Children's Competition Committee from 1960-61 to 1962-63 and Rs. 7,74,666 to the Children's Book Trust, New Delhi from 1963-64 to 1968-69 for organising Children's Art Competition, Children's Art Exhibition, on the spot Competition, Publication of Children's Art Number and Album and Prize Distribution,

(b) Only one Weekly, namely, Sa-dhana in Marathi language has been given assistance for the publication of