

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The 15 countries which voted against the General Assembly Resolution calling for the suspension of trade and economic relations with South Africa are—Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Greece, Ireland, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Portugal, Spain, Turkey, U. K. and U.S.A.

(c) At the last session, the U. N. General Assembly adopted resolution No. 2396 cosponsored by India requesting the Security Council to consider urgently the question for adopting effective measures, under Chapter VII of the Charter, to ensure the full implementation of comprehensive mandatory sanctions against South Africa.

In the same resolution the General Assembly condemned the actions of all those States which are continuing to maintain commercial and other relations with South Africa in violation of its resolutions. India will continue to support efforts in the T.J.N. aimed at securing the termination of apartheid in South Africa.

DISRESPECT TO PRIME MINISTER AT COMMONWEALTH PRIME MINISTERS CONFERENCE

1204. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister was not shown due respect in the recent Commonwealth Prime Ministers Conference at London;

(b) whether she had to stand in a back row in the official photograph taken on the occasion; and

(c) whether any protest note has been sent to London in this connection?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) to (c) Inferences drawn from the photograph are wholly unwarranted. The Prime Minister was not only shown utmost courtesy but her presence at the Commonwealth Conference was regarded as a matter of great consequence to the Commonwealth. The position in the photograph was in accordance with the order of precedence.

PRIME MINISTER'S TOUR OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES

1205. SARDAR NARINDAR SINGH BRAR :
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the names and number of persons constituting the official party which went with the Prime Minister on her recent tour of the United Kingdom and other foreign countries; and

(b) the total cost to Government on the Prime Minister's trip along with her party and what part of it was in foreign exchange ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) The number of persons who accompanied the Prime Minister on her recent tour to the United Kingdom was 10 including 5 members of her personal staff. The names of the members are :

- (1) Shri B. R. Bhagat
- (2) Shri P. N. Haksar
- (3) Shri T. Swaminathan (from Brussels)
- (4) Shri E. Gonsalves
- (5) Shri G. C. Dutt

The Prime Minister did not visit any other country during this tour.

(b) Rs. 1,12,490 (approximately) out of which Rs. 43,130 (approximately) was spent in foreign exchange.

SALE OF IMPORTED CARS BY STATE TRADING CORPORATION

1206. SHRI P. K. PODDAR : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of auctions held by the State Trading Corporation for the sale of imported cars during the years ending December, 1967 and December, 1968;

(b) the total number of cars sold during the above period (Year-wise);

(c) how many cars were purchased by Government for their different agencies and what was the total price paid; and

(d) what was the total money received from such sales ?