

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 U.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?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) January to December 1967=4; January to December 1968=5

(b) 1967—593; 1968—784

(c) 281 cars were purchased by Government for its different agencies in 1967 and 1968 at a total price of Rs. 70.25 lakhs.

(d) The total sale money received by the State Trading Corporation from the sale of cars in 1967 and 1968 is Rs. 344.25 lakhs.

ASIAN COMMON MARKET

1207. SARDAR RAM SINGH :

SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that during his recent visit to Colombo, the question of the formation of an Asian Common Market was considered;

(b) whether it is also a fact that subsequent to the formation of an Indo-Ceylon Board for joint marketing of tea, the prospects of the formation of a common market in Asia has brightened; and

(c) whether any initiative has once again been taken by Government in this direction and if so, the outcome of the move?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) The question of the formation of an Asian Common Market, as such, was not discussed during the recent visit of then Minister of Commerce to Colombo in connection with the first meeting of the Indo-Ceylon Joint Committee on Economic Co-operation held in January 1969. A copy of the joint Communique issued on the conclusion of the talks is attached. [See Appendix LXVII, Annexure No. 71.]

(b) The Indo-Ceylon Board for joint marketing of tea has not yet been established.

(c) No, Sir.

REPRESENTATION FROM POWERLOOM OWNERS

1208. SHRI M. M. DHARIA : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received representations from Powerloom owners of Amritsar, Surat and other cities about their difficulties in securing raw materials at reasonable prices; and

(b) if so what steps are being taken by Government to meet the situation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A reference has been made to the Tariff Commission to inquire into the cost structure of the man-made fibre/yarn industry. The Commission's interim report on rayon yarn prices is expected to be received by end of this month.

हीरों का निर्यात

1209. श्री दत्तोपन्त ठेंगडी : क्या बंदेशिक-व्यापार तथा पूर्ति मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 1 जनवरी, 1962 से अब तक विदेशों को कितने मूल्य के और कितनी मात्रा में हीरों का निर्यात किया गया; और

(ख) 1969-70 के दौरान कितने मूल्य के हीरों का निर्यात किये जाने की आशा है ?

†[EXPORT OF DIAMONDS]

1209. SHRI D. THENGARI : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity and the value in rupees of the diamonds exported to other countries so far, since the 1st January, 1962; and

(b) the value of the diamonds which are likely to be exported during the year 1969-70?

बंदेशिक व्यापार तथा पूर्ति मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (चौधरी राम सेवक) : (क) हीरों के निर्यातों का अभिलेख मूल्यवार रखा जाता है ।

†[] English translation.