

(SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a)

Yes, Sir.

Ct? Yes, Sir.

मद्रास में एन० सी० सी० के केडिटों द्वारा  
गणतन्त्र दिवस समारोह में भाग लेने  
से इन्कार

\* 86. श्री निरंजन वर्मा : क्या रक्षा  
मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि इस वर्ष  
मद्रास राज्य में एन० सी० सी० केडिटों  
ने गणतन्त्र दिवस समारोह में भाग लेने  
तथा राष्ट्रीय ध्वज को सलामी देने से  
इन्कार कर दिया था और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इस मामले में  
सरकार क्या-क्या कार्यवाही कर रही  
है ?

f [REFUSAL OF W.C.C. CADETS TO PARTI-  
CIPATE IN REPUBLIC DAY IN MADRAS

\* 86. SHRI NIRANJAN VERMA: Will the  
Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that N.C.C.  
Cadets in the State of Madras re-  
fused to participate in the Republic  
Day Celebrations and to salute the  
National Flag; and

(b) if so, what action is being  
taken by Government in the matter?

f THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI M. R.  
KRISHNA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise] •} [ J English

translation.

रक्षा मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री एम०  
घार० कृष्ण) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

# INDIANS IN NIGERIA

-87. SHRI SHIVA NAND RAM&UL: Will the  
PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian  
nationals residing in that part of  
Nigeria where as a result of internal  
strife and commotion, the Biafra Gov-  
ernment has been established, have  
been turned destitutes and have taken  
refuge in certain hiding places in the  
cmintry-side; and

(b) if so, what measures the Gov-  
ernment of India have taken to safe-  
guard the life and property of those  
people?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI  
SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir.  
Throughout the fighting in Nigeria, Indian  
nationals in the disturbed areas have been re-  
ported to be safe.

The Government of India have nevertheless  
given instructions to the High Commission in  
Lagos to facilitate the evacuation of Indian  
nationals in the troubled areas. A large number of  
Indians have already been evacuated though  
some have preferred to stay on. It is reported that  
at present there may be about 73 Indians in the  
Eastern region of Nigeria which is completely  
sealed off from the outside world. Our Mission is  
watching for every opportunity to evacuate  
Indian nationals there.

## ACCIDENT IN SRINAGAR ARMY RUNWAY

\* 88. SHRI GULAM NABI UNTOO: [ Will the  
Minister of DEFENCE f-f\ pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an  
accident took place at Srinagar Army  
runway in the last week of Decem-  
ber, 1967 resulting in the death of  
several civilians;

(b) if the answer to part 'a) above  
b'3 in the affirmative, whether any