

(SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 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 नताने 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 देन से  
इन्कार कर दिया था? और

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

†[REFUSAL OF N.C.C. CADETS TO PARTICIPATE 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 refused 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?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री एम०  
ग्रार० कृष्ण) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

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

(b) Does not arise.]

† [ ] English translation.

# INDIANS IN NIGERIA

\*87. SHRI SHIVA NAND RAMAUL:  
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 Government has been established, have been turned destitutes and have taken refuge in certain hiding places in the country-side; and

(b) if so, what measures the Government of India have taken to safeguard 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 reported 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 be pleased to state:

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

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