

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Necessary measures to safeguard the security of the country have been taken. Some idea of this is given in the annual report of the Ministry of Defence which the hon'ble Member may have seen.

AID TO SINGAPORE, KENYA AND MALAYSIA

*453. DIWAN CHAMAN LALL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what aid was offered by India to Singapore, Kenya and Malaysia from 1965 to 1967; and

(b) how much of the aid has been actually given to the countries referred to in part (a) above up to 1st of May, 1967?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) and (b) A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

The following is the assistance offered by India to Singapore, Kenya and Malaysia during the years 1965—37.

Singapore.—Training places were provided in India for 12 personnel from Singapore and the services of 1 expert was made available. A gift of 1 Pushpak aircraft manufactured by H.A.L. was announced by the Foreign Minister during his visit to Singapore in May, 1967.

Kenya.—A credit of Rs. 2.5 crores has been extended to the Government of Kenya for the purchase of -ailway rolling stock and other railway equipment from India. The specific items to be covered and terms and conditions are under negotiations between the two Governments.

Training places were provided to 82 persons and 5 experts were deputed to Kenya during the period.

Malaysia.—137 nationals of Malaysia were provided training facilities and the services of 4 experts have been made available.

During his visit to Malaysia in May, 1967, the Foreign Minister announced the presentation of 1 Pushpak aircraft and two gliders.

STATUS OF NAGALAND

*454. SHRI S. S. MARISWAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item in the 'Hindustan Times' of 15th May, 1967 to the effect that the underground Nagas may accept some status "within the Indian Union", and

(b) if so, whether any formal communication has been received by Government from the underground Nagas?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI M. C. CHAGLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

RE-ORGANISATION OF SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE CABINET

*455 SHRI KRISHAN KANT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the Foundation Day Address of the Sri Ram Institute for Industrial Research in Delhi by Dr. D. S. Kothari, Member of the Scientific Advisory Committee to the Cabinet, wherein he has suggested a drastic re-organisation of the Committee;