

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH):

(a) There has been no special levy in Sikkim on Indian business community and contractors as such. However, by a notification dated the 26th August, 1966, the Sikkim Government had imposed a general levy on transfer outside Sikkim of profits, capital gains, etc. The levy has been held in abeyance.

(b) The notification mentioned above had provided that transfers should be cleared by the Income and Sales Tax department of the Government of Sikkim to which applications were to be made on one-rupee stamped paper and one per cent of the amount transferred was to be deposited as fee.

TRANSMITTER AT SIMLA

30. SHRI A. D. MANI: SHRI D. THENGARI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a transmitter is going to be installed at Simla; and

(b) if so, what will be the region which the transmitter would serve?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It would cover the districts of Mahasu, Bilaspur, Nahan and parts of Mandi during day time due to hilly terrain. However, at night time the service will extend much further up to Chamba, Kulu, Manali, Lahul, Spiti and the bordering areas towards China and Nepal. Under favourable conditions at night, it may cover considerable areas of Tibet and Nepal.

APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA

31. SHRI S. K. VAISHAMPAYEN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the question of apartheid in South Africa was discussed at any stage at the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference held in September, 1966; and

(b) if so, the measures agreed upon at the Conference for ending the apartheid there.

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Heads of Governments condemned the continued practice of apartheid by the Government of South Africa. They agreed to continue to bend their energies to bring this to an end.

CHINESE BROADCASTS TO INDIAN TROOPS

32. SHRI A. D. MANI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chinese broadcasting stations on the China-Sikkim border are continuing their broadcasts to Indian troops trying to undermine their discipline;

(b) if so, what is the nature of the broadcasts that are now being made; and

(c) what counter steps Government are taking in respect of these broadcasts?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Chinese troops have been carrying out loudspeaker propaganda in attempts to undermine the morale and discipline of the Indian troops by broadcasting fictitious stories about conditions in India. The reaction of Indian soldiers has been contemptuous at these crude attempts to mislead them.

(c) Suitable counter propaganda measures intended at keeping the morale of our soldiers high and refuting the more violent Chinese allegations have been made.