

(c) the number of countries out of these which had invited him, the number of those which he visited at his own or at the instance of the Government of India?]

• वंदेशिक-कार्य मंत्री (श्री एम० सी० चागला) : (क) विदेश मंत्री लंदन और न्यूयार्क गये थे, राज्य मंत्री नेपाल की यात्रा पर गए थे ।

(ख) राष्ट्र मंडल प्रधान मंत्री सम्मेलन के सिलसिले में विदेश मंत्री ने 5 से 17 सितम्बर 1966 तक लंदन की यात्रा की । वे 25 सितम्बर से 10 अक्टूबर 1966 तक न्यूयार्क में ठहरे, संयुक्त राष्ट्र महासभा के 21वें अधिवेशन में हिस्सा लेने के लिए । राज्य मंत्री ने 4 अक्टूबर से 7 अक्टूबर 1966 तक प्रधान मंत्री के साथ नेपाल की यात्रा की ।

(ग) विदेश मंत्री भारत सरकार की ओर से सम्मेलनों में भाग लेने के लिए लंदन और न्यूयार्क गए थे । राज्य मंत्री नेपाल सरकार के निमंत्रण पर प्रधान मंत्री के साथ गए थे ।

t[THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI M. C. CHAGLA): (a) The Minister of External Affairs visited London and New York. The Minister of State visited Nepal.

(b) The Minister of External Affairs visited London from 5th to 17th September, 1966 in connection with Commonwealth Prime Minister's Conference. He visited New York from 25th September to 10th October, 1966 to attend XXI Session of UN General Assembly. The Minister of State accompanied the Prime Minister on her visit to Nepal from 4th October to 7th October, 1966.

(c) The Minister of External Affairs visited London and New York to attend conferences on behalf of the Government of India. The Minister of State accompanied the Prime

t[] English translation.

Minister at the invitation of the Government of Nepal.]

PASSPORTs

•177. SHRI JAGANNATH PRASAD PAHADIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the number of persons who were refused passports during the period from January 1964 to September, 1966; and out of them how many were refused due to foreign exchange irregularities committed by them previously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

U THANT; SECRETARY-GENERAL OF U.N.O.

♦178. SHRI B. C. PATTANAYAK: SHRI B. K. MAHANTI:

Will- the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any initiative to persuade U. Thant to continue to function as the Secretary-General of the United Nations Organisation; and

(b) if so what is the result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI M. C. CHAGLA)-(a) and (b) India alongwith almost all other member States of the United Nations has appealed to U Thant to accept a further term as U. N. Secretary-General. The present position is that, with U Thant's consent his term has been extended till the conclusion of the 'XXI Session of the General Assembly. U Thant has not announced his decision as to whether in response to the requests made to him to continue as Secretary-General, he would be willing to continue thereafter as Secretary-General.