

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

MINISTRY OF CONSTRUCTION

*318. SRI P. K. KUMARAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a Ministry of Construction at the Centre;

(b) if so, who made this proposal; and

(c) what would be the functions of the proposed Ministry?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI-MATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

INSPECTION OF INDIAN MISSIONS

*319. SAHDAR RAM SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a team of the Foreign Service Inspectorate has inspected some of the Indian missions abroad during the last two months; and

(b) if so, what are the findings of the team?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI M. C. CHAGLA):

(a) A team of Foreign Service Inspectors—a Joint Secretary each from the Ministries of External Affairs and of Finance—inspected our Missions in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Austria and Yugoslavia in October, 1966.

(b) The report is still under preparation and is expected to be ready shortly.

INDIA'S ASSETS IN BURMA

*320. SHRI B. C. PATTANAYAK:
SHRI B. K. MAHANTI:
SHRI M. S. OBEROI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently negotiated with the Government of Burma regarding the release of assets of Indians which were nationalised by that Government; and

(b) if so, whether any agreement has been reached between the two Governments in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH):

(a) and (b). No agreement has yet been reached. The matter is still under discussion with the Burmese Government.

JADUGUDA MINES

*321. SHRI N. R. M. SWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work relating to the extraction of uranium from the ore has commenced in Jaduguda Mines;

(b) if not, when it is likely to be undertaken; and

(c) what is the amount so far spent on the project?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI):

(a) and (b). The uranium ore mined from the Jaduguda Mines will be processed into uranium concentrates in the uranium Mill being set up at Jaduguda. The Mine, though in the process of development, is partly operational and ore is being extracted. The construction of the Mill is nearing completion and the commissioning of certain sections has already started. The Mill is scheduled to be operational in December, 1966.