

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Kaul, this is a suggestion for action.

SHRI M. N. KAUL: Whether he has considered it? It is in order.

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: It is a very good suggestion and I myself have sometimes felt greatly embarrassed if there is no Indian interpreter and I do insist that in the course of my talks with any foreign dignitary there is an Indian interpreter.

SHRI C. D. PANDE: As a rule our candidates for the IFS. know one or two foreign languages French and German. But in the modern world there are more languages equally important like Russian, Spanish, Arabic and Chinese. As Mr. Kaul said, the people who go abroad are interpreted not by the Indians there but by the local people. My experience is that in this country there are many people who can speak Arabic whose services can be utilised. When we went abroad we had to be interpreted by foreigners. May I know, Sir, whether Government will take into consideration the question of creating a large cadre of Interpreters?

MR. CHAIRMAN: In the meantime the Question Hour is over.

SHRI C. D. PANDE: Along with the IFS, a separate subordinate cadre should be established for Interpreters.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

STUDY OF EFFECT OF RADIATION

*m. SHRI A. D. MANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any attempt has been made by the Department of Atomic Energy to study the effect of radiation on human beings in Southern Kerala where there are monozite sands containing radioactive thorium; and

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn in this connection to the studies made by Professor Gruneberg of London University?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(i) Preliminary investigations have been conducted by the Atomic Energy Establishment, Trombay, on selected human populations from the high background areas of Kerala State and adjoining regions with respect to possible chromosomal changes as detectable in blood cultures. The results obtained so far do not indicate any startling effects. However, the study is a long range one and, in view of its complex nature, will take many years to complete. Plans are also underway for more extensive investigations on the demographic aspects of the humans in high radiation areas.

(b) Yes, Sir. The studies on the effects on rats of natural radiation from the monazite areas, which have been carried out by Prof. Gruneberg in collaboration with scientists of the Atomic Energy Establishment, Trombay show no obvious evidence of genetic damage, as revealed by skeletal examinations.

फारमोसा की सरकार को मान्यता

*136. { श्री राजनारायण :
सरदार रामसिंह सरदार :

क्या वैदेशिक-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारत सरकार फारमोसा की राष्ट्रवादी चीन सरकार को मान्यता क्यों नहीं प्रदान करती;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि जापान सरकार ने भारत सरकार से इस प्रकार की मान्यता के लिए अनुरोध किया है; और

(ग) क्या फारमोसा सरकार ने भारत-चीन संघर्ष में भारत सरकार को अपने पूर्ण समर्थन तथा सहयोग का अश्वसन दिया है ?

RECOGNITION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF FORMOSA

SHRI RAJNARAIN: 136-

SARDAR RAM SINGH :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for which the Government of India do not accord recognition to the Nationalist Chinese Government of Formosa;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Government of Japan have urged the Government of India for such recognition; and

(c) whether the Government of Formosa have assured the Government of India of their full support and cooperation in the Indo-Chinese conflict ?]

वैदेशिक-कार्य मंत्री (सरदार स्वर्ण सिंह) :

(क) भारत सरकार ने चीन लोक गणराज्य को मान्यता दी है। चीन लोक गणराज्य की सरकार चीन की मुख्य भूमि पर प्रभावकारी नियंत्रण रखती है। कुमिन्तांग सरकार के बारे में, जो सिर्फ ताइवान और कुछ अन्य छोटे-छोटे द्वीपों पर प्रभावकारी नियंत्रण रखती है, यह नहीं समझा जा सकता कि वह चीन की सरकार है, जैसा कि वह दावा करती है।

(ख) जी नहीं।

(ग) जी नहीं।

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): (a) The Government of India have recognized the People's Republic of China. The Government of the People's Republic of China is in effective control of the mainland of China. The KMT Government which effectively controls only Taiwan and a few other smaller islands cannot be considered as the Government of China, which it claims to be.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.]

AND TO FLOOD VICTIMS IN JORDAN

*144. SHRI RAM SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of India have sent to the Government of Jordan aid for the benefit of flood victims there;

(b) if so, whether any request was received in this regard from the Government of Jordan; and

(c) what is the quantum of assistance given ?

[English translation.]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

VIEWS ON VIETNAM

145. SHRI P. K. KUMARAN : * SHRI NIREN GHOSH:

L DIWAN CHAM AN LALL :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the five point statement for the solution of the Vietnam crisis enunciated in the annual report of the External Affairs Ministry led to adverse comments and reaction in U.S. Government circles;

(b) whether the U.S. Charge d' Affaires had asked for clarification regarding the said statement; and

(c) if so, what is the nature of clarification given to him ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) to (c) The annual Report of the Ministry for 1965-66 has, while outlining India's views on Vietnam, only reiterated the Government of India's known policy and has not enunciated any new policy on Vietnam. When the U.S. Charge d'Affaires called on the Ministry for External Affairs, the position was explained to him.

U.N. MEMBERSHIP FOR GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

*146. SHRI B. K. MAHANTI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of the German Democratic Republic has approached India to sponsor her membership for the United Nations; and

(b) if so, what has been Government's reaction in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH):

(a) No, Sir. On the 8th March, 1966 the Head of the G.D.R. Trade Representation in New Delhi handed over to the Ministry of External Affairs a copy of