

at Gaza were presented U.N. service medals at Dierel Ballah (Gaza) recently; and

(b) if so, the number of officers and other ranks who received the medals?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A. M. THOMAS) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Officers	..	..	34
JCOs	..	..	42
ORs	..	..	1062

TOTAL : 1138

#### SEAT IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL

451. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the countries which have been sounded by India to support India's candidature in the contest for a seat in the Security Council at the 21st session of the General Assembly;

(b) the names of the countries which have agreed to support India; and

(c) which are the other countries contesting the seat?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH) :

(a) Government have approached all the member States of the United Nations with which India has diplomatic relations for support for India's candidature for election to the Security Council.

(b) This information is at present confidential and cannot, therefore, be disclosed.

(c) Pakistan and Syria have also announced their candidature for election to the seat in the Security Council which will fall vacant when Jordan retires from the Security Council at the end of 1966 and which would by informal agreement be available to an Asian country.

#### INDIANS IN JOHANNESBURG

452. { SHRI N. R. M. SWAMY :  
SHRI D. THENGARI :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that five thousand Indians living in Johannesburg have received notices to leave Pageview for Lenasia as "group area" to which they were asked to go; and

(b) if so, whether the Government of India have received any appeal from these Indians asking for help in this connection?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH) :

(a) Authoritative information on this subject is not available because we have no Mission in South Africa. However, from reports contained in South African and other newspapers, it is evident that the entire population of Indian origin numbering about 5,000, of Pageview, a tiny district in Johannesburg, is to be evicted to make room for 'whites', as a result of that district having been proclaimed a group-area for 'whites', on the 24th May, 1963. According to the same sources, 3,000 people of Indian origin of Pageview are already reported to have been served with eviction notices.

(b) No, Sir.

#### ASIAN AND PACIFIC COUNCIL

453. SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an organisation called the Asian and Pacific Council is being proposed to be set up; and

(b) if so, which are the countries associated with it and what are its objectives?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Australia, Taiwan, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Thailand and South Vietnam participated in the Ministerial Meeting of the Asian and Pacific Council held in Seoul from the 14th to the 16th June 1966. Laos attended as observer.