

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A. M. THOMAS) : (a) Yes, Sir. The demand for Radio Valves has been in excess of the production at Bharat Electronics Limited.

(b) Some complaints that valves manufactured by Bharat Electronics Limited are being sold at prices higher than the published prices have been received.

(c) While action is being taken on the complaints, the solution lies in increasing the production so as to satisfy the demand for Radio Valves. The present rate of production of Radio Valves is of the order of 3.1 million per annum. Bharat Electronics Limited have proposed enhancing the capacity to 5 millions per annum. This is under consideration.

J. & K. IN U.N. MAPS

*466. SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY :

SHRI NAGI REDDY :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Jammu and Kashmir has not been shown as Indian territory in maps issued by the U.N.O. recently as reported in the Press ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH) : It is a fact that in maps published by the U.N. Secretariat the J. & K. State is shown as separated from the rest of India. The question of the exclusion of the State has been taken up with the U.N. Secretariat persistently since 1957. The Secretary General, U Thant, has recently assured our Permanent Representative that he would look into the matter thoroughly.

RELATIONS WITH NEWLY INDEPENDENT AFRICAN COUNTRIES

*467. SHRI M. N. GOVINDAN NAIR : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

what steps have been taken by Government to forge closer relations with newly independent African countries.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : To promote better and closer relations with African countries, Government have increased the number of resident diplomatic missions and extended diplomatic representation to others by concurrent accreditation. Government has instituted a scheme of economic and technical collaboration with these countries and intensive efforts have been made towards the general expansion of trade. We have also paid considerable attention to the provision of educational facilities in India for students and other trainees from these countries and the strengthening of cultural relations.

'DR. ZHIVAGO'

*468. SHRI A. D. MANI :
SHRI CHITTA BASU :

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

(a) whether the Central Board of Film Censors has been asked to censor the film 'Dr. Zhivago' before it is exhibited in India; and

(b) whether the Government of U.S.S.R. have made any representations to Government of India in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) : (a) Under the Cinematograph Act, 1952, no film can be exhibited unless it has been certified for public exhibition by the Central Board of Film Censors. The film "Dr. Zhivago" is under examination of the Board.

(b) No formal representation has been received from the Government of U.S.S.R. in the matter.