

MONEY COLLECTED IN DAMASCUS FOR INDIA

584. SHRI D. THENGARI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether India's Ambassador* at Damascus received seven hundred Syrian pounds collected by the students of the Franciscan Girls School for aid to India; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The donation which was in response to the appeal of His Holiness the Pope was accepted with thanks.

OFFICES OF URANIUM MINES AT JADUODA MINES

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the offices of Uranium Mines at Jaduguda Mines are located in sheds with aluminium and tin roofing;

(b) if so, whether the staff was given protection from heat when the barometer touched 120°F in the mine area; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to put *pucca* structure to house the offices ?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) As a temporary expedient, some staff required to be near the mine site are located in aluminium sheds. However,, others are located in proper buildings.

(b) Yes. Electric fans and *khas tatties* are provided.

(c) Yes.

INSURANCE OF DEAD DEFENCE PERSONNEL

586. SHRI N. R. M. SWAMY : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the claims of insurance policies of Defence personnel for final settlement who are officially presumed to be dead, includes Naval personnel also who were on deputation to the Army or the Air Force; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN) : (a) Yes, Sir. The agreement already reached between the Government and the Life Insurance Corporation in regard to settlement of life insurance policies of Defence Services personnel officially presumed dead, applies to personnel of all the three Services, including the Navy. However, no Naval personnel seconded to the Army or the Air Force have been killed in operations against the Chinese in NEFA and Ladakh, or during the recent conflict with Pakistan.

(b) Does not arise.

PAKISTAN'S VISIT BY CHINESE COMMUNIST ULEMAS

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

(a) whether Government have got any information regarding the visit of Chinese Communist Ulemas delegation to Pakistan; and

(b) if so, what were the objects of the visit?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir. A Chinese Muslim Delegation visited both wings of Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir in June, 1966.

(b) This visit was part of a series of visits by this delegation to some other countries like Sudan, Iraq, and Syria,