

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH):

(a) United Nations documents recognise Goa as having been nationally united with India. The question of other countries doing so specifically does not arise because Goa is part of India and not a separate State.

(b) The reserves are held by two foreign banks.

(c) The question has been taken up with the banks and is now under discussion.

FINANCIAL EDITORS' CONFERENCE

•601. SHRI RAM SINGH :

SHRI SUNDER MANI PATEL :

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

(a) whether the attention of Government of India has been drawn to a Press Report appearing in the 'March of the Nations (Weekly)' dated the 16th July, 1966 at page 15 alleging that the Financial Editors' Conference recently held in Delhi with a view to acquaint itself with the impact of devaluation was provided with large quantities of liquor by Government instead of any publicity material on the subject; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The report is not correct. The editors were supplied with publicity material and background notes on Government's economic policies, and they appreciated the opportunity they had to discuss the country's economic problems and Government's policies with Ministers and high officials.

HIMALAYAN FEDERATION BY CHINA

•602. SHRI M. RUTHNASWAMY : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the Chinese proposal for the formation of an autonomous federation independent of India, of the Himalayan States of Sikkim and Bhutan and certain tracts of the North-East Frontier Agency;

(b) whether Government are aware that the President of the Sikkim National Congress Party stated that in this proposal lay Sikkim's only hope; and

(c) if so, what measures Government have taken to counter these moves ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): (a) The Government are not aware of any such Chinese proposal.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

'GHOST' RADIO STATION

*603. SHRIMATI TARA RAMCHANDRA SATHE : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has revived its anti-Indian propaganda through a 'Ghost' Radio Station; and

(b) if so, what measures Government have taken to counteract the propaganda?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) : (a) Since September, 1965, a pirate Radio Station which styles itself as Sada-e-Kashmir has been on the air. From its very inception it has been carrying on extremely anti-Indian propaganda.

(b) Our Station in Srinagar, Jammu and Jullundur take effective steps to counter this propaganda through dignified and well reasoned Programmes in the form of commentaries, talks, dialogues and plays, etc. Whenever necessary, broadcasts by representatives of different communities mentioned in broadcasts from Sada-e-Kashmir Radio, are also arranged to counter its propaganda.

"QAUMI AWAZ"

•604. SHRI HAYATULLAH ANSARI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that two Urdu dailies are being simultaneously published under the same name of "Qaumi Awaz"; and

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that 'Qaumi Awaz' published from Lucknow brought this fact to the notice of the Press Registrar 6 months back ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) : (a) There is only one Urdu daily newspaper entitled 'Qaurai Awaz', published from Lucknow, on the records of the Registrar of Newspapers for India. It is understood that another Urdu daily with the same title is being published from Jammu, which has not yet come on the records of the Registrar of Newspapers.

(b) Yes, Sir.

INTERNATIONAL CONTROL COMMISSION FOR LAOS

*605. SHRI NIREN GHOSH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pathet Lao has asked that the International Control Commission for Laos should cease its activities;

(b) if so, what are the reasons advanced by them; and

(c) what decision, if any has been taken by the Government of India in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) The Government of India is not aware of any request made by the Pathet Lao that the International Control Commission in Laos should cease its activities;

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

अफ्रो-एशियाई लेखकों के सम्मेलन में भारत-विरोधी वक्तव्य

*606. श्री महाबीर दास : क्या वैदेशिक-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हाल में पीकिंग में जो अफ्रो-एशियाई लेखक सम्मेलन हुआ था उसमें दो भारतीय लेखकों ने भारत-विरोधी वक्तव्य दिये थे ; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इन दोनों भारतीय नागरिकों के नाम और पते क्या हैं ?

t[ANTI-INMAN STATEMENTS AT THE AFRO-ASIAN WRITERS' CONFERENCE

*606. SHRI MAHABIR DASS : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that two Indian writers made anti-Indian statements at the Afro-Asian Writers' Conference held recently in Peking; and

(b) if so, what are the names and addresses of those two Indian citizens ?]

वैदेशिक कार्य मंत्री (सरदार स्वर्ण सिंह) :

(क) और (ख) दो व्यक्तियों ने जो अपने आपको भारतीय प्रतिनिधि बता रहे थे, पीकिंग में अफ्रो-एशियाई लेखक आपसी सम्मेलन में भाग लिया और भारत-विरोधी वक्तव्य दिए। ये व्यक्ति थे—श्री अभिमन्यु मनचन्दा और श्री तेजा सिंह सहोता। सरकार की सूचना के अनुसार ये व्यक्ति न तो भारतीय हैं और न लेखक ही। ये हालांकि भारतीय मूल के हैं पर ब्रिटेन में रहते हैं और वहाँ की राष्ट्रिकता ले ली है।

t[THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): (a) and (b) Two persons posing as Indian delegates attended the Afro-Asian Writers' emergency meeting in Peking and made anti-Indian statements. They were Mr. Abhimanyu Manchanda and Mr. Teja Singh Sahota. According to Government's information, they are neither Indians nor writers. Even though of Indian origin, they are resident in Britain and have taken up British nationality.]

KORAPUT FACTORY

*607. SHRI M. V. BHADRAM : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present stage of construction of Aero-Engine Factory at Koraput;

(b) when will the factory be put into commission; and

(c) the number of employees for the factory recruited so far ?

t[] English translation.