को तिथि निश्चित करने के लिये सलाह चाही है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो प्रधान मंत्री का उत्तर क्या है?

## '[Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference

/Shri M. P. BHARGAVA ;  $\setminus$  Shri RAM SAHAI :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom has asked for the opinion of the Prime Minister of India about the fixation of a date for the next Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference; and

(b) if so, what reply has been sent by the Prime Minister ?]

वैदेशिक कार्यमंद्रालय में उपमंत्री श्री दिनेश सिंह): (क) जी हां।

(ख) प्रधान मंत्री ने जून के दूसरे पखवाड़े में लंदन में राष्ट्रमंडल प्रधान मंत्री सम्मेलन बलाने का सुझाव स्वीकार कर लिया है।

t[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN *Tim* MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) Yes.

(b) The Prime Minister has agreed to the suggestion for the holding of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference in London in the second half of June 1965.]

## GOA AS A NAVAL BASE

## /SHRI RAM SINGH : \Shri DEVI SINGH :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to develop Goa into a big naval base; and

t [ ] English translation.

(b) if so, what .are the details thereof?

to Questions

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI YESHWANTRAO B. CHAVAN) : (a) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to develop Goa into a Naval base.

(b) A firm of Consultants has been appointed by Government for the development of the entire Port of Goa and detailed planning will be carried after their recommendations are received and examined. At present site investigations are in progress.

## COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT

fStiRi KRISHAN DUTT: , ,...,, J DIWAN CHAM AN LALL : ] Shri SITARAM JA1PURIA : I^Shri S. K. V <u>\ISHAM</u> PA YEN :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government hav.; received any recommendations from the Government of the United Kingdom in respect of the post of the Secretary-General as well as the structure and functions of the proposed Commonwealth Secretariat; and

(b) if so, what is the nature of those recommendations and what are Government's reactions thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) and (b) No recommendation has been received from the Government of the United Kingdom in respect of the post of the Secretary-General. Discussions at official level were held in London as to the form the Secretariat should have. Decisions, as such, will have to be taken only when this matter has been fully discussed by the Commonwealth Prime Ministers. The main, purpose of the Secretariat will be the dissemination of information on matters of interest to Commonwealth countries. It will not be within the competence of the Secretariat to disseminate information which relates to the internal affairs of a country or to disputes between two or more Commonwealth countries.

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