

(b) what are the various steps Government have taken for better external publicity by the Indian missions abroad; and

(c) how many Indian missions abroad have so far been visited by the Special Reorganisation Unit of the Ministry of External Affairs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI N. MENON): (a) to (c) A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

The following are some of the measures taken to curtail the expenditure in Indian Missions abroad: — (i) Cut in expenditure on various services.

(ii) Restrictions on cost of passages, periodical transfers and local tours of officers and staff.

(iii) Cut in Representational Grants.

(iv) Review of existing posts by high powered bodies.

(v) Restrictions on opening of new Missions to the barest minimum.

(vi) Efforts to substitute locally recruited staff in lieu of India-based staff, provided no security risk is involved.

Indian Missions abroad produce and distribute pamphlets on India; show documentaries and feature films; maintain libraries; supply information sought; organise cultural and social functions; and send out speakers to lecture on India. In addition, 41 of these Missions also bring out journals in respective local languages.

There is no such body as Special Reorganisation Unit in the Ministry of External Affairs. There is, however, a Special Reorganisation Committee, which reviews the staff position in Indian Missions from time to time. The Committee does not visit the Missions.

COLLECTION OF TAXES BY HOSTILE NAGAS IN NAGALAND

*460 § SHRI D. THENGARI: 'SHRI G. K. KAPOOR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the hostile Nagas collect taxes and revenue from the citizens of Nagaland; and

(b) whether such a collection is made even in Government buses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI N. MENON): (a) According to reports that have been received, hostile Nagas have been collecting money from villages in Nagaland.

(b) We have received no reports to this effect.

*461. [Transferred to the 18th December, 1964].

INDIANS COMING FROM MOZAMBIQUE

*462. SHRI I. K. GUJRAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to rehabilitate the Indians repatriated from Mozambique, and if so, what are those steps; and

(b) whether Government are taking any steps to compensate them for properties left by them in Mozambique?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI N. MENON): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

Steps have been taken by the Government of India to rehabilitate the people of Indian origin, who have seen repatriated from Mozambique.