

366. [Transferred to the 24th September 1964].

INDIANS IN KENYA

367. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Indians living in Kenya at present;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Government of Kenya is following a policy of discrimination in regard to these Indians; and

(c) what measures are being taken by the Government of India in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SAHDAK SWARAN SINGH): (a) There are about 1,87,000 people of Indian origin living in Kenya of which about 7,600 are Indian nationals.

(b) No, Sir. Government of India are not aware of any policy of discrimination against Indians.

(c) Does not arise.

NEWSREEL ON FUNERAL PROCESSION OF THE LATE PRIME MINISTER

368. SHRI SHANKAR PRATAP SINGH DEV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the criticism about the newsreel on the funeral of the late Prime Minister;

(b) whether it is a fact that this reel was shown in many parts of India without improvement, despite such criticism; and

(c) whether Government made any investigations into the matter in the light of the criticism?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C. R. PATTABHI RAMAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The criticism was that the representatives

of certain foreign countries who had come to attend the funeral had not been shown prominently. As there was a tremendous demand from the public to see the newsreel on the funeral of the late Prime Minister as also from the cinemas to screen it, and as the revision of the newsreel would have required sometime, it has been allowed to be shown in order not to disappoint the Indian people.

(c) No, Sir. The necessity for any formal investigation has not been felt.

INDIAN MEDICAL MISSION IN LAOS

/ SHRI R. S. KHANDEKAR: (a) SHRI P. ABRAHAM:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of China has objected to the Indian Medical Mission in Laos; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in the Chinese objection?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SAHDAK SWARAN SINGH): (a) 'criticism of India's action in sending a Medical Team to Laos has appeared in the Chinese Press and has been broadcast over their Radio.

(b) The Indian Medical Team was sent to Laos at the request of His Highness Prince Souvanna Phouma, the Prime Minister and Defence Minister of Laos. The Team is doing useful work in relieving the suffering of the civilian population in Laos and has absolutely no military significance. The Government of India's objective in sending the Medical Team was solely humanitarian and the Mission concerned is one of mercy. As such the Government of India's action does not constitute any departure whatsoever from the Geneva Agreement on Laos or from India's role as Chairman of the International Commission for Supervision and Control. The criticism in the Chinese Press is

Radio was, therefore, for propaganda purposed and was motivated by anti-Indian bias. The Government of Indians spokesman explained the position to ^h& Press on 3rd June, 1964.

GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE SYSTEM

370. SHRI SANKAR PRATAP SINGH DEV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to establish a link with the Global Communications Satellite System; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal and when its operation will be possible?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI B. BHAGAVATI): (a) and (b). According to present indications, a Commercial Satellite Communications System giving basic global coverage is likely to be set up by the end of 1967 through International cooperation on the basis of certain. Agreements reached in July, 1964 between the U.S.A., the U.K., Canada, Australia, Japan, France, Italy Switzerland, Germany and certain other countries. The question of India's participation in this System is under consideration.

TRAINING IN MOUNTAIN WARFARE TO PAKISTANI FORCES

371. SHRI JAGAT NARAIN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Chinese instructors are training some Pakistani forces in mountain and guerilla warfare?

• THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A. M. THOMAS): Government have seen reports about the presence of Chinese military personnel in East Pakistan. Further the Chinese are reported to be advising the Government at Pakistan in road construction and on training of guerillas.

| DEMONSTRATION BY TELEPHONE KERS

372. SHRI P. L. KUREEL URF TALIB: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the casual workers of the Delhi Telephones recently held demonstrations in front of the office of the General Manager, Delhi Telephones at Eastern Court, New Delhi; and

(b) if so, what were the demands of the workers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI B. BHAGAVATI): . (a)> Yes:

(b) (i) Payment of arrears of difference in the rates of daily wages from a retrospective date;

(ii) Payment of extra wages for the work performed by them on weekly off days from February, 1961 to February, 1962;

(iii) Payment of overtime allowance for extra work done on the basis of the orders issued by the P&T Directorate in August, 1963;

(iv) Increase of daily rates, of wages 'from Rs. 2/- to Rs. 2/50 per day as done by the Delhi State; and

(v) Absorption in regular establishment.

373. [*Withdrawn*]

INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL IN INDIA

374. SHRI I. K. GUJRAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to hold an International Film Festival in India:

(b) whether an officer of the Ministry visited Paris in this connection and whether he has report; submitted any and