

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 (SARDAR 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 THE MINISTRY 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

369. { SHRI R. S. KHANDEKAR:
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 on the Chinese objection?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SARDAR 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 to 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 and