

Nations Committee is inscribed as an item on the Provisional Agenda of the forthcoming Session of the United Nations General Assembly and India will once again express its views on the issue of freedom for British Guiana.

(b) Yes, Sir. A reference to this issue was also made in the final communiqué of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference.

#### CENTRAL PRESS ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE

381. SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Members of the Central Press Accreditation Committee; and

(b) whether the Press Association, a body of correspondents accredited with the Headquarters of the Government of India, is represented on the Committee, and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) The names of the present members of the Central Press Accreditation Committee are:

*Nominees of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference—*

1. Shri Durga Das, Editor-in-Chief, India News and Feature Alliance, New Delhi.
2. Shri Prem Bhatia, Editor, Indian Express, New Delhi.
3. Shri Vishwa Bandhu Gupta, Editor, Daily Tej, New Delhi.
4. Shri A. K. Jain, Editor, Navbharat Times, Delhi.

*Nominees of the Indian Federation of Working Journalists—*

5. Shri J. P. Chaturvedi, Special Correspondent, Aj, Varanasi.

6. Shri Inder Malhotra, Special Correspondent, Statesman, New Delhi.

7. Shri Ravi Bedi, Staff Photographer, Times of India, Delhi.

8. Shri Dewan Dwarka Khosla, Secretary, Indian Federation of Working Journalists.

(b) No, Sir. Constituted on the basis of the recommendations of the Press Commission, the Central Press Accreditation Committee consists of an equal number of editors nominated by the All India Newspaper Editors' Conference and working journalists nominated by the Indian Federation of Working Journalists.

#### EXPENDITURE ON VARIOUS MEDIA UNITS OF THE MINISTRY

382. SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the steps Government propose to take for effecting economy in expenditure on the various Media Units falling under her Ministry; and

(b) the present strength of the staff in the Press Information Bureau as compared to the previous two years?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) The importance of the need for economy has been kept constantly in mind. Economies in 1962-63 amounted to Rs. 30.67 lakhs and in 1963-64 to Rs. 70.80 lakhs. In addition, deferment of two of III Plan schemes resulted in a saving of Rs. 84.02 lakhs. Further, other measures are being considered.

(b) The strength of the staff of the Press Information Bureau as on 1-3-64 was 987 as compared to that of 994 on 1.3.63 and 932 on 1.3.62.