DEPUTY MINISTER'S VISIT TO RUSSIA

- *340. SUM A. M. TARIQ: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the Deputy Minister of External Affairs recently visited Russia; and
- (b) if so, what was the purpose of his visit?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This goodwill visit wag in response to an official invitation extended by the Soviet Government in July, 1963 and renewed again in June, 1964.

PAKISTAN PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT ON KASHMIR AFTER COMMONWEALTH PRIME MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

- *344. SHRI N. PATRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the speech made by the President of Pakistan at a meeting held on 26th July, 1964 at Rawalpindi to the effect that member States of the Commonwealth specially the African States supported the Kashmir policy of the Pakistan Government; and
- (b) if so, what is the actual position regarding our contacts made through our various Embassies and foreign relation offices to bring home our point of view on the Kashmir question to the newly independent African countries?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DTNESH SINGH): (a) Government have seen a newspaper report to this effect. However, any suggestion that the African nations had expressed any such support at the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference would not be correct, since Kashmir was not discussed by Commonwealth Prime Ministers.

(b) Regular contacts are maintained with foreign countries through diplomatic channels. Besides, every opportunity is taken to explain our case to African countries, including the newly independent countries—on occasions, with the help of special delegations from India.

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INVITATION FOR PAKISTAN VISIT

,,, - SHRI NIREN GHOSH: SHRI ARJUN ARORA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether he has received an invitation from the Government of Pakistan to visit that country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN TH* MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): In a message handed over by the Pakistan High Commissioner to the Secretary General of the Ministry of External Affaire on the 11th September, 1964, an invitation has been extended from the Foreign Minister of Pakistan to the Minister of External Affairs, to visit Rawalpindi at an early date before the proposed meeting between President Ayub and the Prime Minister. The contents of the message are under study.

CENSORSHIP OF MAIL IN JAMMU ANN KASHMIR

- •346. SHRI FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there exists any cen sorship of letters, and other mail articles in the State of Jammu and Kashmir; and
 - (b) if so, when it was imposed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN TH* DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI B. BHAGAVATI): (a) All mail exchanged between China

and Lnaia mciuaing jammu ana r\.asn-mir State is subject to censorship. Interception of mail under Section 26 of the Indian Post Office Act is carried oout whenever required by the appropriate authority.

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(b) Mail to and from China is being censored with effect from 23rd November, 1962.

AMBULANCE VANS IN COLLIERIES IN ANDHRA PRADESH

- •347. SHRI P. K. KUMARAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that as re-' quired under the Mines Rules there is no ambulance van at Godavari Khani, Ramagundam and Singareni collieries in Andhra Pradesh; and
- (b) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken by the Chief Inspector of Mines for the provision of ambulance vans at those collieries?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EM PLOYMENT (SHRI RATANLAL KISHORILAL MALVIYA): (a) and Under the Mines Rules, it is the duty of the owner agent or manager of a mine to see that adequate and suitable arrangements are made for the speedy removal of serious cases of accident or sickness from mines to hospitals. Godavari Khani mines at Ramagundam of Singareni collieries are nrw. Pend ing the availability of an ambulance wan, for which an order has been placed, they have made an alternative arrangement of carrying injured and aick persons to the hospital in lorries, jeeps and cars in case of need.

Ambulance vans are available at the other mines of the Singareni collieries.

SUB-CIRCLE FOR VIDARBHA

"348. SHRI D. THENGARI: Will 4he Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Post and Telegraph employees of the Vidarbha Area have submitted a representation to Government requesting the constitution of a separate sub-circle for Vidarbha; and

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(b) if so, what is Government's reaction to that request?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER m THB DEPARTMENT or COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI B. BHAGAVATI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has not been found possible to accept the proposal.

तामेंगलोंग डिवीजन में मारे गये विद्वेही नागा

*३४६. श्रीमती सरला भ**दौ**रिया : क्या प्रतिरक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

- (क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान १० जुन, १९६४ के दैनिक हिन्दी "हिन्दुस्तान" में प्रकाशित इस ग्राशय के एक समाचार की स्रोर दिलाया गया है कि तामेंगलोंग डिवी-जन के छिपने के एक स्थान पर २३ उपद्रवी नागा मारे गए थे ;
- (ख) क्या उक्त विद्रोहियों के कब्जे से कुछ हथियार तथा हथियार बनाने की कुछ सामग्री मिली है ; ग्रीर
- (ग) ये हथियार किस देश के बने हये समझे गये ?

fINAGA REBELS KILLED AT TAMENGLONB Division

- •349. SHRIMATI SARLA BHADAU-RIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to
- (a) whe'her Government's attention has been drawn to a news-it:m published in the Hindi daily "Hindustan", of the 10th June, 1964 to the effect that twenty-three rebel Nagas were
 - t[] English translation.