

(b) if so, how did the members of the delegation manage to get the entry visa to come to India?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON): (a) Yes.

(b) The entry visa was granted by our Embassy at Bangkok on sworn affidavits.

SHRI PERATH NARAYANAN NAIR: May I know, Sir, if these persons from Formosa claim to represent the Republic of China, in their application for visas also it was entered like that?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: Sir, I did not understand the question.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Did they say that they were coming from Formosa or did they say that they were coming from the Republic of China?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: They were coming from Formosa as delegates to the International Red Cross Conference.

DR. R. B. GOUR: May I know from the hon. Deputy Minister if it is a fact that they replied in the visa form that they were delegates from Formosa representing China? Was it right? Delegates on behalf of which country?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: I have no information.

(Interruption.)

Formosa is not recognised by our Government, and naturally we do not recognise their passports. They said that they were delegates to the International Red Cross Conference.

DR. R. B. GOUR: Delegates on whose behalf?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: I do not know that. I want notice for that.

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## MANUFACTURE OF 'PEOPLES' RADIO

\*95. SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD (ON BEHALF OF SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND): Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state whether Government have sponsored any scheme to manufacture "peoples' radio"? If so, what are the details of that scheme and what progress has so far been made in the manufacture of low cost radio sets in India?

THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI G. RAJAGOPALAN): Government have not sponsored any scheme for manufacturing cheap radio sets. Material is, however, being collected to enable Government to consider in what manner the industry can be helped in producing cheap radio sets

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know whether there are any firms which are manufacturing these cheap radio sets and what steps the Government are taking to popularise these sets?

DR. B. V. KESKAR: There are no firms specifically manufacturing cheap radio sets, but we have been having talks with the trade so that cheaper and cheaper sets could be manufactured in the country.

## MARKETING CENTRE AT MANIPUR FOR THE PURCHASE OF COCOONS

\*109. SHRI M. VALIULLA (ON BEHALF OF MOULANA M. FARUQI): Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided any assistance for the establishment of a Marketing Centre at Manipur for the purchase of cocoons; and

(b) if so, what is the extent of the assistance provided?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI N. KANUNGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rs. 2,800 as grant and Rs. 5,000 as loan for working capital.