

through India are really persons who are recruited for the British Army, and is it the intention of the Government of India to allow the Gurkha people to be so recruited in order to suppress the labour movement in Malaya?

(No reply.)

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: Cannot the Government of India give friendly advice to the Government of Nepal—when the representatives of that Government so often come here to seek advice on other matters—in this regard?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: Hon. Members do not seem to realise that it is a very difficult matter for the Nepalese Government to take a step which might upset the whole economy of Nepal immediately. It is all very well to give advice, but we cannot offer them that advice which might cause them great difficulties—economic and other difficulties.

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: Is it not a fact that the democratic movement of Nepal has strongly expressed itself against the recruitment of Gurkhas for being used in Malaya?

(No reply.)

MALAYA AUTHORITIES, REFUSAL TO ALLOW THE INDIAN AMBULANCE UNIT TO LAND IN PENANG

\*66. SHRI B. RATH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the authorities in Malaya refused to grant permission to the Indian Ambulance Unit returning from Korea to land in Penang;

(b) if so, what were the reasons for such refusal; and

(c) whether Government have made any representation in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A. K. CHANDA): (a) Officers and Junior Commissioned Officers were permitted

to land while the other ranks were detained on the ship.

(b) The ship carrying the Indian Ambulance Unit from Korea reached Penang via Hongkong. The other ranks were travelling as dock passengers and the officers as saloon passengers. As Korea and Hongkong were infected areas, the Malayan Government had to place quarantine restrictions on deck passengers according to their regulations.

(c) Yes.

SHRI B. RATH: Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the statement made by Major S. K. Banerjee, the Leader of the Ambulance Unit, stating that "my men were naturally disappointed. We had a look at Hongkong and we thought we would be allowed to have a look at Malaya, which we were not allowed to do." Does the Government agree with this statement?

MR. CHAIRMAN: They have seen the statement and you will find in answer (c) that Government have made a representation in the matter.

SHRI B. RATH: What is the result of this representation made?

SHRI A. K. CHANDA: The ship had already left Penang and Singapore.....

SHRI B. RATH: Has the Government protested to the Government.....

SHRI A. K. CHANDA: It has.

\*67. [The questioner (Shri V. K. Dhage) was absent.]

DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE IN  
RAJASTHAN  
STATE

\*68. SHRI H. C. MATHUR: Will the Minister for PLANNING be pleased to state the reasons why only an expenditure of Rs. 119 lakhs has been incurred in the State of Rajasthan under the Five Year Plan during the years 1951-53 against a total provision of Rs. 504 lakhs for the said period?