

SHRI A. K. CHANDA : The operation sometimes is successful but the patient dies. We want to save the patient as far as possible.

SHRI B. GUPTA : In view of the growing discontent in Pakistan against the passport system, may I know if the Government is contemplating to open negotiations with the Government of Pakistan for doing away with the passport system altogether ?

SHRI A. K. CHANDA : As the Prime Minister has stated in the other House, we are only too agreeable to do away with the system, if the other party is also agreeable. As I mentioned before, the idea is to hold a conference of our representatives and the representatives of the Pakistan Government to discuss all the problems arising out of the working of the passport system.

SHRI K. C. GEORGE : May I know in how many cases applications were rejected by the Pakistan Government and by our own Government ?

SHRI A. K. CHANDA : I would like to have notice of it.

RACIAL SEGREGATION POLICY OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT

*214. SHRI GOVINDA REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the steps taken by Government to remedy the situation arising out of the racial segregation measures and policies of the Government of the Union of South Africa directed against Indians there; and

(b) the progress made so far in this direction ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A. K. CHANDA) : (a) and (b). The hon. Member is no doubt aware that the Government of India have raised before the U. N. General Assembly the question of race conflict resulting from the

apartheid policies of the South African Government. The General Assembly has passed two resolutions on this subject' during this session.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY : Have the Government made any protests to the Government of South Africa against the arrest and internment of persons of Indian origin there ?

SHRI A. K. CHANDA : I am not sure if the Government have made any official protests to the Government of South Africa. There is hardly any diplomatic relationship between that Government and our Government.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY : Is it a fact then that we have no representatives there ?

SHRI A. K. CHANDA : We have a High Commission in South Africa. But our last High Commissioner was there in 1947. We even withdrew our First Secretary about 1 1/2 years ago, and for the moment the mission is in charge of a junior officer.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY : May I know if the Government is thinking of any other ways of getting redress to the grievances of Indians in South Africa ?

SHRI A. K. CHANDA : We have referred the matter to the United Nations. The only other way open is war.

SHRI B. GUPTA : May I know, Sir, if the Government of India sent any instructions to the Finance Minister when he was in London for the Commonwealth Conference to take up this matter with the South African representative ?

SHRI A. K. CHANDA : Our Finance Minister was not there on a diplomatic mission. He had gone there for a special purpose.

SHRI SARDAR SINGH : May I know whether an effort has been made to get the other Commonwealth