

any attempt being made by any unfriendly foreign powers to fill up the vacuum to be caused by withdrawal of British forces from the Indian ocean; and

(b) whether Government have taken suitable steps to guard their coast line in case of such eventuality ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) Government is not aware of any such move.

(b) Does not arise. However the Government is taking adequate steps to protect our coastline.

Visits by Heads of Foreign Countries Since April, 1967

3705. SHRI BAL RAJ MADHOK ; Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the number and names of Heads of the foreign countries who visited India since 1st April, 1967 and the expenses incurred on their visits ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : The following eleven Foreign Heads of States visited India during the period from 1st April, 1967 to 31st January, 1969 :—

1. H.E. Lord Richard Casey, Governor-General of Australia.
2. H.E. Syed Ismail EI Azhari, President of the Supreme Council of the State of the Republic of the Sudan.
3. H.E. Dr. K.D. Kaunda, President of Zambia.
4. H.E. Sir William Gopallawa, Governor-General of Ceylon.
5. H.M. The King of Laos.
6. H.E. Mr. Josip Broz Tito, President of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.
7. H.M. The Druk Gyalpo of Bhutan.
8. H.E. General Ne Win, Chairman of the Revolutionary Council of the Union of Burma.
9. H.I.M. Haile Sellasie I, Emperor of Ethiopia.
10. H.E. Mr. Abdirashid Ali Shermarke, President of Somalia.
11. H.I.M. the Shahanshab Aryamehr of Iran.

As regards the total expenditure incurred on these visits, this information is being collected.

U. K.'s Stand on Indo-Pak Disputes

3706. SHRI R. K. BIRLA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary of U. K. has recently made an announcement regarding Britain's new policy of non-involvement and non-alignment in Indo-Pakistan affairs including Jammu and Kashmir ; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto ?

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

(b) The Government of India welcome the British policy of non-involvement in Indo-Pakistan affairs.

बन्दरों का निर्यात

3707. श्री निहाल सिंह : क्या बंबईशिक कार्य व्यापार तथा पूति मन्त्री यह बनाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1966-67 और 1967-68 में भारत से किन-किन देशों को और कितने-कितने बन्दरों का निर्यात किया गया ; और

(ख) उनके निर्यात से कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा कमाई गई ?

बंबईशिक व्यापार तथा पूति मन्त्रालय में उप-मन्त्री (श्री चौधरी राज सेवक) : (क) और (ख). 1966-67 और 1967-1968 में देशवार निर्यातित बन्दरों की संख्या तथा मूल्य को दर्शाने वाला एक विवरण सभा पटल पर रखा है । [पुस्तकालय में रखा दिया गया । देखिये संख्या LT 413/69]