

and so question of the U.K. Government selling it does not arise.

(d) In view of (c) above, does not arise

#### Indian Troops in Katanga

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 Shri D. C. Sharma:  
 Shri P. C. Borooah:  
 Shrimati Maimoona Sultan:  
 Shri Raghunath Singh:  
 Shri Ram Ratan Gupta:  
 Shri R. S. Tiwary:  
 Shrimati Renu  
 Chakravartty:  
 Shri A. N. Vidyalkar:  
 Shri H. N. Mukerjee:  
 Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Katangese women numbering about ten thousand stormed an Indian U.N. road block in Elizabethville; and

(b) if so, the details of the incident along with the number of persons injured and killed on either side as a result of stone throwing and clawing by the Katangese women and firing by the Indian troops?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon): (a) and (b). On 17th July 1962, about three thousand African women stoned a United Nations road-block in Elizabethville, set fire to bunkers and vehicles and man-handled some Indian Army officers and soldiers. As a result of it, 3 officers and 7 other Ranks of the Indian Army sustained minor injuries. The civil police tried to disperse the crowd but without any success. The U.N. troops however finally succeeded in bringing the situation under control by a baton charge and by firing a few rounds in the air. None of the Katangese suffered any serious injury as a result of action by our troops.

#### Indian Contingent in Congo

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 Shrimati Renu  
 Chakravartty:  
 Shri Indrajit Gupta:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indian pipe band attached to the Indian military contingent sent to Congo serenaded Mr. Tshombe of Katanga;

(b) whether this was the purpose for which Indian troops were sent; and

(c) whether any protest has been made by Government of India to the U.N. Command?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon): (a) No, Sir, but an Indian Pipes and Drums band serving with the Indian Military Contingent in the Congo played to an audience consisting of local civilian population in Elisabethville on 8th July 1962. Mr. Tshombe was present on the occasion.

(b) It is not unusual for Indian military bands to play for the civilian population.

(c) There does not appear to be any reason for a protest.

#### Free Education

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 Shrimati Maimoona Sultan:  
 Shri M. K. Kumaran:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce free education upto higher secondary School Stage;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) in which States free education up to that level has so far been introduced?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali): (a) Not in the near future.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In Jammu and Kashmir, A. & N. Islands, L. M. & A. Islands, in Government schools in some areas of