

ment are not aware of any fresh attempts by the Colombo Powers, as such, to bring about a settlement of the India-China border dispute. However, recently there has been an exchange of correspondence between the Prime Ministers of Ceylon and India on the suggestion that no posts of either country in the demilitarized area in Ladakh could be regarded as fulfilment of the Colombo Proposals.

(b) Recently, in reply to an enquiry made by Mrs. Bandaranaike, the Government of India has said that if the Chinese agreed to withdraw their posts in the demilitarized area in Ladakh it could be considered a fulfilment of the Colombo Proposals, and that, if China agreed to this and accepted the Colombo Proposals, further negotiations could be held between India and China on the basis of the Colombo Proposals.

Indians in Zanzibar

- *10. { Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shri Bishanchander Seth:
Shri Dhaon:
Shri B. P. Yadava:
Shri S. N. Chaturvedi:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the plight of the people of Indian origin in Zanzibar on account of the Chinese propaganda in that country; and

(b) the action Government intends to take in the matter?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) The Government of India is aware of the difficulties being faced by people of Indian origin in Zanzibar;

(b) Government are affording all reasonable facilities to people of

Indian origin who wish to migrate from Zanzibar to India. It is also intended to open a resident Mission in Zanzibar in order to protect the interests of the Indian citizens residing in the island.

Pak. Airfield in Gilgit

- *11. { Shri P. Venkatasubbalah:
Shri Naval Prabhakar:
Shri Solanki:
Shri Narasimha Reddy:
Shri Hem Raj:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has constructed a major airfield capable of landing jet bombers at Chillas in Gilgit agency very near to the cease-fire line; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

The Minister of Defence Production in the Ministry of Defence (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Burmese Refugees in NEFA

- *12. { Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri B. P. Yadava:
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri Bishanchander Seth:
Shri Dhaon:
Shri Vishram Prasad:
Shri D. D. Furl:
Maharajkumar Vijaya
Ananda:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
Shri D. J. Naik:
Shri Rishang Keishang:
Shri Bade:
Shrimati Jyotsna Chanda:
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
Shri Swell:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Burmese team visited Shillong to discuss with NEFA authorities the problem created by the