

for the supply of fighters for the Indian Air Force; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**The Minister of Defence Production in the Ministry of Defence (Shri A. M. Thomas):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The supply of high performance fighter aircraft for the Indian Air Force under the U.S. Military Assistance Programme was one of the subjects discussed with the U.S. authorities during the recent visit of the official team and the Defence Minister to USA in May, 1964. The U.S. Government have indicated that it would not be possible to accommodate within the Military Assistance Programme the type of fighter aircraft requested for supply by us. However, examination to determine what United States assistance in this field will be available is continuing.

#### Second African Summit Conference

**Shri Shashi Ranjan:**  
\*17. { **Shri Vishram Prasad:**  
**Shri Indrajit Gupta:**

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Government's greetings to the Second African Summit Conference at Cairo reached so late that it could not be read in the opening session;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether responsibility for this lapse has been fixed on any officer?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Dimesh Singh):** (a) and (b). The message of greetings from the President to the President of the Second Conference of Heads of African States in Cairo was sent on 17th July and should have reached Cairo at the opening of the Conference.

(c) Does not arise.

#### P. & T. Officials' visit to U.S.A.

\*18. { **Shrimati Jyotsna Chanda:**  
**Shri Ramanathan**  
**Chettiar:**

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether a team of officials of the Posts & Telegraphs Department visited U.S.A. in May-June, 1964;

(b) if so, the composition thereof and the purpose of the visit;

(c) the total expenditure involved therein; and

(d) the result achieved thereby?

**The Deputy Minister in the Department of Communications (Shri Bhagavati):** (a) Yes.

(b) The team consisted of Shri Jagdeesh Prasad, Member P. & T. Board, Shri K. D. Vaidya, Deputy Chief Engineer and Shri T. R. Sundararaman, Director of Accounts.

The purpose of their visit to U.S.A. was to negotiate a credit from International Development Association (a subsidiary of World Bank) for the Posts & Telegraphs Department.

(c) Rs. 24,450 inclusive of foreign exchange expenditure of Rs. 4,400 approximately.

(d) As a result of the negotiations, an agreement was signed on the 6th July, 1964 under which the International Development Association has extended a \$33 million credit.

#### Indians in Ceylon

**Shri Nambiar:**  
**Shri M. N. Swamy:**  
**Dr. Saradish Roy:**  
**Shri P. Kunhan:**  
**Shri Imbichibava:**  
**Shri P. C. Borocah:**  
**Shri Bishancharnder Sethi:**  
**Shri B. P. Yadava:**  
**Shri Dharm:**

\*19. { **Shri Ramachandrar Tattin:**