

करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली स्थित चीन के दूतावास का विचार दिल्ली में चार प्रमुख स्थानों पर अपने सूचना केन्द्र खोलने का है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि पीकिंग-समर्थक भारतीय साम्यवादियों के विभिन्न वर्गों के लगभग 5,000 व्यक्तियों की एक सूची बनाई गई है जिनसे वे अपेक्षित सूचना एकत्रित करेंगे ; और

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि उक्त दूतावास के सूचना अधिकारी राजधानी के विशेष स्थानों के फोटो लेते हुए तथा टेप रिकार्ड करते हुए देखे गये हैं ?

बंदेशिक-कार्य मंत्री (श्री स्वर्ण सिंह) :

(क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) सरकार इस बारे में कोई सूचना देने की स्थिति में नहीं है ।

(ग) सरकार को ऐसी कोई खबर नहीं है कि किसी चीनी अधिकारी ने राजधानी में टेप रिकार्ड किया हो । फोटोग्राफ लेने के बारे कुछ घटनाएं सरकार के ध्यान में आई हैं जिनमें कि चीनी राजदूतावास के अधिकारियों ने ऐसे पर्यटक केन्द्रों के फोटो-चित्र लिए जहां फोटोग्राफी की मनाही नहीं है ।

High Power Transmitter

*741. { Shri Madhu Limaye:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Raghunath Singh:

Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) the stage reached in respect of the talks with the Soviet Government on the purchase of a high power transmitter for A.I.R.; and

(b) when these talks will be concluded?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shrimati Indra Gandhi):

(a) and (b). Discussions for the procurement of a High Power Medium-wave transmitter for All India Radio have taken place with the Soviet authorities. Two Senior engineers from All India Radio were deputed to Moscow and they have discussed the technical details with their counterparts in U.S.S.R. The whole matter is at present under close examination.

Passport issued to Sheikh Abdullah

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Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
Shri Hem Barna:
Shri Hukam Chand Kachhavaia:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shrimati Ramdulari Sinha:
Shri Raghunath Singh:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a passport was issued to Sheikh Mohd. Abdullah even without his making an application in the prescribed form;

(b) whether his application contained a declaration of his status as a citizen of Republic of India and his allegiance to the Republic of India; and

(c) at what level and by whom his passport application was received, considered and sanctioned?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri Swarn Singh): (a) to (c). Sheikh Abdullah applied for Indian passport in the prescribed form on 13-5-64, to enable him to proceed to Pakistan. Passport was issued to him valid for three months and endorsed for Pakistan only. Sheikh Abdullah asked for and was given endorsement for UK, UAR, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Italy, Germany and Iraq. As the House is aware, Sheikh Abdullah visited Pakistan in May 1964. He returned to India from Pakistan immediately after the death of Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru. The passport given to him expired in August 1964.