

Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some officials of the Government of India participated in a meeting of senior officers of Commonwealth countries in London recently with a view to finalizing details about the proposed Commonwealth Secretariat in London; and

(b) if so, the decisions arrived at in that meeting and whether they have Government's approval?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) Yes.

(b) No decisions as such were reached at the meeting since it is for the Commonwealth Governments to take decisions. The senior officials, however, representing 21 Commonwealth countries, have agreed on a report which has been transmitted to all the Commonwealth Governments. The report is under consideration of the Government of India. The officials' meeting has recommended that the Secretary General will have no executive authority and that the Secretariat will have no political functions. The main purpose of the Secretariat will be the dissemination of information on matters of interest to Commonwealth countries. It will not be within the competence of the Secretariat to disseminate information, which relates to the internal affairs of a country or to disputes between two or more Commonwealth countries.

Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference

*68. { Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Maharajkumar Vijaya Anand
Dr. L. M. Singhvi:
Shri Jashvant Mehta:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:
Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:

Shri Surendra Pal Singh:
Shri Mohan Swarup:
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
Shri Kolla Venkalah:
Shri M. N. Swamy:
Shri R. S. Pandey:
Shri R. Barua:
Shri L. N. Bhanja Deo:
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) when the next Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference is likely to be held and where; and

(b) whether the suggestion to have the Conference in India will be pursued and if not, why?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) The Prime Ministers' Conference is likely to be held in London in the second half of June, 1965;

(b) The suggestion about holding this Conference by rotation has been considered, but so far has not received a large measure of support. No suggestion has been made for the Conference to be held in India.

भारतीय वायु सेना निशानेबाजी कुर्घटना

* 69. { श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय :
श्री श्रीकारलाल बेरवा :
श्री यशपाल सिंह :
श्री भागवत झा झाजाव :
श्री सुरेन्द्रपाल सिंह :
श्री प्र० चं० बरमा :
श्री बी० चं० शर्मा :
श्री बड़े :
श्री दे० द० पुरी :
श्री राम सहाय पाण्डेय :
श्रीमती सावित्री निगम :

क्या प्रतिरक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि 2 जनवरी, 1965 को निशानेबाजी का अभ्यास करते

हुए लुधियाना-फिरोजपुर सड़क पर जगरांव के पास भारतीय वायुसेना के विमान से एक राकेट गिर गया जिसके फल स्वरूप तीन व्यक्तियों की मृत्यु हो गई ;

(ख) क्या इस दुर्घटना की जांच की गई है और यदि हां, तो इसका क्या परिणाम हुआ ;

(ग) क्या सरकार द्वारा मृत व्यक्तियों के परिवारों को कोई प्रतिकर दिया गया है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो कितना प्रतिकर दिया गया है, और, यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

प्रतिरक्षा मंत्री (श्री यशपालराव चव्हाण) : (क) जलन्धर के समीप सिधवान खासरेज में, भारतीय वायु सेना द्वारा अन्तरिक्ष से भूमि की ओर गोली चलाने के अभ्यास में, 2 जनवरी 1965 को लगभग 12 बज कर 15 मिनट पर, जगरांव-फिरोजपुर मार्ग पर, (जिसका दूसरा नाम लुधियाना फिरोजपुर मार्ग है) जगरांव से लगभग 5 मील दूर, निम्न असेनिक मारे गए थे :—

- (1) श्री रणधीर सिंह ।
- (2) श्री तेजा सिंह ।
- (3) श्री सुरजीत सिंह ।

(ख) जी हां, कोर्ट आफ इन्क्वायरी के फैसलों का इन्तजार है ।

(ग) जी नहीं ।

(घ) मुन्नावजा देने के प्रश्न पर कोर्ट आफ इन्क्वायरी की रिपोर्ट की प्राप्ति पर विचार किया जाएगा ।

Seventh Commonwealth Relations Conference

{ Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Yashpal Singh:

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{ Shri Surendra Pal Singh:
Shri D. N. Tiwary:
Shri Sham Lal Saraf:
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Kolla Venkalah:
Shri M. N. Swamy:
Shri Hem Raj:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri Brajeshwar Prasad:
Shri Bishwa Nath Roy:
Shri R. Barua:
Shri D. D. Mantri:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Seventh Commonwealth Relations Conference was held in New Delhi on the 6th January, 1965;

(b) if so, how many countries participated in this conference;

(c) the main subjects discussed at the conference; and

(d) whether any proposal was put forward by the Indian Delegation?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Dinesh Singh) : (a) The Seventh Commonwealth Relations Conference was held in New Delhi from 6th to 15th January, 1965. It was organised by the Indian Council of World Affairs which is a non-official body.

(b) Twelve countries including India participated in this Conference.

(c) (i) Commonwealth approach to main International problems, (ii) Defence and security in Commonwealth countries, (iii) Commonwealth and the problems of World Trade & Development, (iv) promotion of Scientific, Education and Cultural Exchanges among the Commonwealth countries and (v) future of the Commonwealth were some of the main subjects that figured in the agenda for the Conference;

(d) No specific proposals as such appear to have been put forward by the Indian delegation. Like other delegations, they too expressed their views on the various subjects discussed in the Conference.