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Next question.

**Indian Policeman Arrested by Goan  
Authorities**

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\*135. { Shri Radha Raman:  
Shri Vajpayee:  
Shri M. R. Krishna:  
Pandit M. B. Bhargava.

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Goan Government arrested any policeman from Indian territory recently,

(b) if so, what were the circumstances in which he was arrested and subsequently what happened to him,

(c) whether Government lodged any protest with the Portuguese authorities; and

(d) if so, the nature and result thereof?

**The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon)**

(a) Yes. An Indian policeman, named, Vithal Hanmant Kavaskhan, was kidnapped by Portuguese authorities on the afternoon of 31st May, 1957

(b) Shri Kavaskhan was on duty on the Indo-Goa border. He went to a well near the border within the Indian territory to fetch water. While he was drawing water, he was surrounded by six white Portuguese soldiers and two policemen in plain clothes who had trespassed into the Indian territory. The Portuguese soldiers were armed with rifles and kidnapped the Indian policeman by force into Portuguese territory.

(c) Yes. A strong protest has been lodged with the Portuguese authorities.

(d) A reply is awaited from the Portuguese authorities.

**Shri Radha Raman:** May I know whether this policeman received serious injuries and if so, what was the nature of the injuries?

**Shrimati Lakshmi Menon:** We have no information on that except that he was taken away by the Portuguese soldiers.

**Shri Radha Raman:** May I know whether that policeman is still in the Goan prison or in the custody of the-Goan Government?

**Shrimati Lakshmi Menon:** He is still in Valopi in Goa.

**Shri Vajpayee:** May I know whether this is the first incident of its kind or have there been several repetitions of this story?

**Shrimati Lakshmi Menon:** I want notice for that question.

**Shri M. R. Krishna:** May I know what is the propaganda that is being carried out by the Portuguese Government in foreign countries about this matter?

**Shrimati Lakshmi Menon:** That does not arise out of this question.

**Shri Tyagi:** I was anxious to know if this policeman had been returned?

**Shrimati Lakshmi Menon:** No; he is still there.

**Shri Tyagi:** Are the Government satisfied with the action taken in the matter?

**Shrimati Lakshmi Menon:** There is no direct relation with the Portuguese Government, we have to deal through the Egyptian Embassy.

**Shri Tyagi:** Have they received any information about the people there, whether they are keeping very good health or not?

**Shrimati Lakshmi Menon:** There is only one man and we are awaiting the reply.