

Indian Students in U.K.

*441. **Shri J. B. S. Mitt:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is not a fact that in view of racial feelings, Indian students often find it difficult to secure good accommodation in U.K.

(b) what hostel facilities for Indian students, particularly woman students, are available in U.K. and whether they are adequate,

(c) if the answer to (b) be in the negative, the steps proposed to be taken to solve the accommodation problem, and

(d) whether Government propose to grant financial assistance to some voluntary social agency for providing these hostels?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House

Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other Backward Classes

*442 **Shri Sonavane:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state whether a conference of the State Ministers dealing with Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other Backward Classes welfare is being convened in 1959?

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shrimati Alva): No such conference has been fixed

Suthanthira Tamil Nad Conference

*443. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
Shri Raghuath Singh:
Shri Aurobindo Ghosal:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Mohan Swarup:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state.

(a) whether the Government are aware that the Suthanthira (independ-

ent) Tamil Nad Conference, held at Tirunelveli on the 15th January, 1959, decided to launch a campaign to burn the map of India minus Tamil Nad, and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this connection?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri G. B. Pant): (a) Yes

(b) No specific action has been taken so far in respect of the threatened campaign which has not taken any concrete shape. The State Government are, however, maintaining a close watch on the situation and will take appropriate action as and when necessary

Andaman and Nicobar Islands

*444. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state

(a) whether Government propose to make the Andaman and Nicobar Islands a tourist centre, and

(b) if so, whether any scheme has been prepared in this regard?

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shrimati Alva): (a) Not at present, Sir

(b) Does not arise

Flood-affected People of Tripura

*445. { **Shri Dasaratha Deb:**
Shri Bangshi Thakur:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state

(a) what effective steps are being taken to protect the flood-affected people of Kailasahar and other subdivisions of Tripura,

(b) whether any temporary relief was given to the flood-affected people throughout Tripura, and

(c) if so, the minimum and the maximum amount which was awarded to each family?