

(ख) पिछले चन्द महीनों में कोई भारतीय प्रेस संवाददाता चीन नहीं गया।

#### Biographical Sketches of Indian Leaders

\*1018. **Shri A. M. Tariq**: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to bring out biographical sketches of some prominent Indian leaders;

(b) if so, when;

(c) whether any names have been selected so far; and

(d) the criteria for selection?

**The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar)**: (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. It has been decided to bring out under the series "Builders of Modern India", the biographical sketches of eminent leaders of the country who have contributed to the Indian renaissance and the freedom movement. Two biographies, on Dadabhai Naoroji and C. R. Das, have already been released.

(c) A tentative list of the leaders whose biographies are being undertaken at present is given below. The list will be expanded and new names will be added:

1. Bankim Chandra Chatterjee.
2. Mahadev Govind Ranade.
3. Badruddin Tyabji.
4. Bal Gangadhar Tilak.
5. Bepin Chandra Pal.
6. Rabindranath Tagore.
7. Madan Mohan Malaviya.
8. Lala Lajpat Rai.
9. Gopal Krishna Gokhale.
10. Motilal Nehru.
11. Sarojini Naidu.
12. G. Subramania Iyer.
13. Dr. M. A. Ansari.

(d) Eminent leaders of the freedom movement are too well-known to require any criterion to be laid down.

#### Sale of Hyderabad House in New Delhi

\*1019. **Shri P. C. Borooah**: Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Andhra Pradesh Government is going to sell away the Hyderabad House in New Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details of the deal?

**The Deputy Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri Anil K. Chanda)**: (a) Yes Sir; the Andhra Pradesh Government have offered for sale to the Government of India the Hyderabad House in New Delhi.

(b) The terms of purchase are still under negotiation with State Government. The value of the property is being assessed by the Technical Officers of the Central and Andhra Pradesh State Governments.

#### Atomic Test in the Sahara

\*1020. { **Shrimati Manjula Devi**:  
**Shri Narasimhan**:

Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state whether it is a fact that twenty-five nations of the Afro-Asian group, including India have formally protested to the U.N. against the decision of France to explode an atomic device in the Sahara in the face of the General Assembly's resolution recommending that it refrain from such actions?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan)**: Twenty-five countries of the Asian-African group, including India addressed a letter to the Secretary-General of the United Nations on 2nd February 1960, expressing the deep concern of their governments at the impending nuclear tests proposed by France in the Sahara. The letter which the Secretary General was asked to circulate to other mem-