

Report of Chinese and Indian Officials

- *298. { **Shri P. G. Deb:**
Shri Shree Narayan Das:
Shri Radha Raman:
Shri S. A. Mehdi:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Maharajkumar Vijaya Ananda:

Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered the report of the Chinese and Indian Officials on border talks; and

(b) if so, the action taken in the matter?

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

(a) and (b). Yes, Government have given careful consideration to these reports. Since these reports were received there have been discussions in Parliament also. Government cannot indicate exactly the further steps they may take in this matter. The reports have, in the opinion of Government, established the correctness of the case put forward on behalf of India. They would continue to press this on the Government of the People's Republic of China and thus endeavour to get the People's Republic of China to agree to the facts as contained in these reports. When these facts are accepted, a peaceful solution would be possible. In any event, Government will continue to be prepared for all eventualities.

Asylum to Portuguese Soldiers

- *299. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
Pandit D. N. Tiwari:
Shri P. C. Borooah:

Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two Portuguese soldiers crossed over into India from Goa and sought asylum in this country in the last week of March, 1961; and

(b) if so, the decision taken to give them asylum in this country?

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

(a) and (b). Two Portuguese European soldiers crossed into India in civilian clothes on the 26th March, 1961 and sought asylum in India. On interrogation it was found that their statements were contradictory, thus casting doubts on the genuineness of their claim for asylum. They were accordingly pushed back into Goa on the 17th May.

Trade Agreement with Mexico

- *300. { **Shri Shree Narayan Das:**
Shri Radha Raman:
Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:

Will the **Minister of Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the possibility of trade agreement between India and Mexico has been explored;

(b) if so, the result of such efforts;

(c) whether these two countries have exchanged trade delegations; and

(d) if so, the results thereof?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) and (b). A goodwill-trade mission from Mexico under the leadership of H.E. Senator Moreno Sanchez, Ambassador on Special Mission visited India from the 30th April to 12th May, 1961. Discussions were held with them on the development of trade between the two countries but no formal trade agreement was entered into.

(c) and (d). No, Sir. There has been no exchange of trade delegations.