

(b) if so, whether he has specified the countries which he would like to visit; and

(c) the decision of Government in the matter?

The Prime Minister, Minister of External Affairs, Minister of Home Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Nanda): (a) Yes; the Dalai Lama has indicated a desire to visit some Buddhist countries.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) We have assured the Dalai Lama that we will give him such assistance as we can in the matter.

Migration Certificates for D.Ps. from East Pakistan

162. { Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shrimati Akkamma Devi:
Shri Yamuna Prasad
Mandal:
Shri N. P. Yadab:

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

(a) whether Government have received complaints about treatment accorded to migrants from East Pakistan by the Office of the Deputy High Commission for India, Dacca, for issue of migration certificates, during the last two months; and

(b) how far the addition of staff and other changes have brought about an improvement, thereby meeting the pressing demand of abnormal situation?

The Prime Minister, Minister of External Affairs, Minister of Home Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Nanda): (a) We received only one such complaint. Our enquiries have revealed that there is no substance in it.

(b) In the conditions of prevailing insecurity of life and property of the minorities in East Pakistan, our Deputy High Commission in Dacca are doing all that is expected of them for the minorities.

Roadworthiness of Army Vehicles

163. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new yardstick has been laid down by the Army Authorities for determining the roadworthiness of their motor transport vehicles rendering a large portion of existing fleet as junk;

(b) if so, how many vehicles have been declared junk under the revised rules; and

(c) how these vehicles are being replaced and at what cost?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): (a) A new policy for provisioning and discard of common user vehicles has been adopted for the Defence Services. In the past vehicles were overhauled from time to time and were continued to be used till they became unserviceable. As a result of experience it has been found that under this procedure a number of vehicles available at any period of time with the Defence Services are not sufficiently reliable for operational use. Under the new policy, vehicles will be discarded when they have completed a specified number of miles and number of years or otherwise require a complete overhaul.

(b) The vehicles being discarded under this policy will not be 'junk' but will have some life left at the time of discard. A total of about 38,000 vehicles are expected to be discarded by 31-3-1966.

(c) Having regard to the indigenous production capacity a phased programme has been drawn up for replacement of the older fleet of vehicles so as to ensure the availability of fully reliable vehicles to the Defence Services within as short a period of time as possible. According to the provisioning programme approved by Government, the total estimated cost of