

(b) and (b) Because of their pre-occupations, neither the Prime Minister nor the Foreign Minister could journey to Bonn on this occasion. Considering all the circumstances including Shrimati Pandit's distinguished background of diplomatic experience, she was considered eminently suitable to represent India at Dr. Adenauer's funeral.

Visits abroad by Foreign Minister and Foreign Secretary

- *132. Shri Nath Pal:
 Shri Sidheswar Prasad:
 Shri D. N. Patodia:
 Shri N. K. Sanghi:
 Shri Maulbhai J. Patel:
 Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
 Shri Onkar Singh:
 Shri Hukam Chand Kachwai:
 Shri Bahraj Madhok:
 Shri A. B. Vajpayee:
 Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
 Shri K. N. Tiwary:
 Shri R. S. Vidyarthi:
 Shri Sharda Nand:
 Shri D. C. Sharma:
 Shri Ram Kishan Gupta:
 Shri Y. A. Prasad:
 Shri S. C. Samanta:
 Shri A. K. Kisku:
 Shri S. N. Maiti:
 Shri Tridib Kumar Chaudhuri:
 Shri Yashpal Singh:
 Shri Arjun Singh Bhadoria:
 Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:
 Shri R. Barua:
 Shri K. N. Pandey:
 Shri Dhirendranath:
 Shri Mohammed Imam:
 Shri S. K. Tapuriah:
 Shri Gadilingma Gowd:
 Shri Vlahwa Nath Pandey:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether he and the Foreign Secretary visited any foreign countries in April, 1967;

(b) if so, the countries visited by them and the object of these visits; and

(c) the results achieved thereby?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) I visited the following countries:

Kuwait

Iran

Switzerland (Geneva, Berne).

A statement regarding these visits was made on the Floor of the House on 22nd May, 1967.

The Foreign Secretary visited the following countries:

Yugoslavia

U.A.R.

Switzerland (Geneva)

Italy

The main purpose of these visits was to exchange views with officials and high dignitaries on matters of common interest; particularly about nuclear non-proliferation.

(c) Results achieved by these visits were satisfactory in the sense that India's views on nuclear non-proliferation were fully appreciated.

Compulsory N.C.C. Training

- *133. Shri Banjit Singh:
 Shri Hukam Chand Kachwai:
 Shri Ram Singh Ayarwal:
 Shri B. S. Sharma:
 Shri Vasudevan Nair:
 Shri C. Janardhanan:
 Shri P. C. Adichan:
 Shri Yashpal Singh:
 Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
 Shri K. N. Tiwary:
 Shri K. P. Singh Deo:
 Shri Dhirendranath:
 Shri N. Sreekantan Nair:
 Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether the compulsory training scheme of the N.C.C. in the Colleges and Universities is proposed to be scrapped;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether any alternative scheme exists for cultivating the same ideals