

large-scale on the Indo-French border. There is no question of any bilateral agreement being concluded for this purpose.

### चीन को भारतीय कलाकार मण्डल

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क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भारत से चीन को ३० कलाकारों का एक दल श्री शचिना सेन गुप्त के नेतृत्व में गया है; तथा

(ख) क्या सरकार ने इस दल को कुछ आर्थिक सहायता दी है ?

**The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shri Anil K. Chanda):** (a) Government understand that such a delegation has gone to China. They were not, however, officially consulted or informed about it.

(b) No.

### DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY

**111. Shri Eswara Reddy:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state the designations of the 218 Americans in India who enjoy diplomatic immunity and the places where they are stationed in India?

**The Prime Minister (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** The American nationals who enjoy diplomatic immunity are, according to the present information, 191 in number, excluding their families in respect of whom exact information is not available. They are all stationed in New Delhi and fall into the following categories:—

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| (i) The U.S. Ambassador and other diplomatic officers of the U.S. Embassy at New Delhi .. .. . | 60 |
| (ii) Non-diplomatic members of the Staff of the U.S. Embassy at New Delhi. ....                | 91 |

(iii) Officers belonging to the U.S. Technical Co-operation Administration, borne on the staff of the U.S. Embassy at New Delhi ... .. 40

### COIR MATS

**112. Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the last but one paragraph on page 747 of the Journal of Industry and Trade (June 1953) and state:

(a) the basis on which the inferences contained in that para. have been made;

(b) whether the Government of India have ascertained the prices at which coir yarn is available for manufacturers in the foreign countries for manufacturing mats and mattings from (i) India and (ii) other countries;

(c) whether the Government of India have ascertained the manufacturing cost of mats and mattings in other countries as compared with their cost of manufacture in India;

(d) if so, how and to what extent they differ; and

(e) whether prices of coir yarn and manufacturing costs both are higher in foreign countries than in India?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** (a) The inference is based on reports from Indian Government Trade Representatives abroad on the marketing of coir mats and mattings.

(b) Yes.

(c) and (d). Actual cost of manufacturing mats and mattings in foreign countries is not available. It is, however, estimated that the cost of raw materials (coir yarn), which constitutes the major portion of the manufacturing cost, will be higher in foreign countries than in India.

(e) Yes.