

Baghdad Pact

523. **Shri Kamath** : Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that U. K. and any of the Commonwealth countries have joined the Baghdad Pact (Turkey-Syria-Iraq-Egypt mutual Defence Pact);

(b) if so, whether they consulted or informed India about their decision or desire to join the Pact;

(c) if so, whether India's reaction was conveyed in each case ; and

(d) the gist of India's Communication in each case ?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru) : (a) There is no mutual Defence Pact signed by Turkey, Syria, Iraq and Egypt. Turkey and Iraq signed a mutual Defence Pact in February 1955, but this was opposed by Egypt and Syria. The Pact provides for the accession of any member State of the Arab League or any other State actively interested in the security of the West Asian region. U. K. and Pakistan are the two Commonwealth countries that have since joined this Pact.

(b) The Government of U. K. informed the Government of India beforehand of their decision to join the Pact.

(c) and (d). The Government of India conveyed to the U.K. Government their regret at this decision and informed them that the consequences of such an action could not be good.

Displaced Persons in Tripura

524. **Shri Biren Dutt** : Will the **Minister of Rehabilitation** be pleased to state :

(a) the number of displaced persons who are not yet rehabilitated in the State of Tripura;

(b) whether any new colonies are going to be set up for them;

(c) if so, the proposed sites for the Colonies; and

(d) how long it will take to settle them in those colonies?

The Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna) : (a) 1579 is proposed to be undertaken shortly in the State of Tripura.

(b) Yes.

(c) and (d). Two sites at Nalkata Chhailanga for 500 families have

been selected. Efforts are being made to locate suitable lands in the State.

Claims of Displaced Contractors

525. { **Sardar Hukam Singh**;
Shri Bahadur Singh;

Will the **Minister of Rehabilitation** be pleased to state:

(a) the number and value of claims filled upto the 30th September, 1955 by displaced contractors and others in respect of dues payable by Government and quasi-Government bodies in Pakistan; and

(b) the number and value of claims forwarded so far to the Pakistan Government?

The Deputy Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri J. K. Bhonale) : (a) 5,467 claims of the value of Rs. 694.80 lacs.

(b) 1487 claims of the value of Rs. 58.78 lacs upto the 30th November, 1955.

Goodwill Mission from Pakistan

526. { **Sardar Hukam Singh**;
Shri Bahadur Singh;

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

(a) whether a group of girls students from Pakistan visited India in October, 1955 on a Goodwill Mission;

(b) how long they stayed in India and the places they visited ; and

(c) whether a similar group of Indian girls students also went to Pakistan on a similar Mission?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru) : (a) A group of Pakistani girl students from Karachi paid a visit to India. Their visit was private and unofficial;

(b) They stayed in India for about 15 days and visited Delhi, Aligarh, Agra, Gwalior and Jaipur;

(c) Yes.

फाउन्टेन पेन

५२७. श्री श्री नारायण दास : क्या वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) फाउन्टेन पेनों के कौन-कौन से माग भारत में बनाये जाते हैं, और कितनी मात्रा में बनाये जाते हैं ;