

(ख) यदि हां, तो उन्हें कहां तक कार्यान्वित किया गया और उसके क्या परिणाम रहे ?

सू. ६६४ और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री  
(श्री श्री० शंहरानन्द) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) एक विवरण । सभा पटल पर रखा गया है । [संघालय में रख दिया गया । देखिए संख्या LT-1358/80]

#### **Indians struck up in Iran and Iraq**

448. SHRI D. M. PUTTE GOWDA:  
SHRI K. LAKKAPPA:  
SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA:  
SHRI H. N. NANJE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS** be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Indians are struck up in Iran and Iraq; and

(b) if so, what action Government is taking to immigrate them to safer places?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b). Every Indian national desirous of leaving the affected areas has been able to do so, and Government have promptly ensured that all arrangements for facilitating this are there. Those Indian nationals who have stayed on, have done so voluntarily.

#### **Visit of Iraqi President's Special Envoy**

449. SHRI G. M. BANATWALLA:  
SHRI MADHAVRAO  
SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the special envoy of the President of Iraq Mr. Sadam Hussain who met the Prime Minis-

ter desired that India should use her good offices to bring about a cessation of hostilities; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b). The Iraqi envoy did not specifically ask for India's good offices to bring about a cessation of hostilities, but during his discussions with the Prime Minister, there was an indication that Iraq would appreciate any effort that India could make to resolve the problem.

India continues to play an active role, both in the U.N. and as a participant in the Non-aligned initiative, to see how best it can contribute to a peaceful resolution of the conflict.

#### **Efficacy of B.C.G.**

450. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT:  
Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have recently been three-days workshop on BCG organised by the Indian Academy of Paediatrics, in an attempt to bring together experts on BCG controversy and to formulate guidelines regarding the efficacy of the vaccine and decide whether it should be continued in the country's immunisation programme; and

(b) if so, the details regarding the views expressed by the participants and recommended to the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHAN-KARANAND): (a) Yes.

(b) The detailed recommendations of the said workshop are still under formulation. However, the consensus at the workshop was that with the present knowledge available, B.C.G. vaccination must be continued to be given to infants.