

(c) The question of return to India of those granted Sri Lanka citizenship does not arise.

### **Grant of Disability Pension to Handicapped**

3122. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would provide disability pension to handicapped people; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF RAILWAYS AND EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). At present there is no scheme to provide disability pension to handicapped persons. However, some State Governments are giving allowance to the handicapped persons on the analogy of the old age pension scheme.

### **Information Centres in Indian Mission**

3123. SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are 137 Indian diplomatic missions abroad;

(b) is it also a fact that out of 137 diplomatic missions only 47 missions have regular information centres; and

(c) if so, do Government propose to have such regular information centres in other diplomatic missions?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) No, Sir. In all we have only 135 resident diplomatic missions and posts abroad, details of

which are in the attached statement (Annexure I).

(b) Yes, Sir. 47 out of the 135 Indian diplomatic missions have regular information centres. List of missions and posts which have separate information centres is attached at Annexure II.

(c) A proposal is being processed for submission to the Cabinet for opening of new information wings in 25 Indian missions in West and South-east Asia where no separate information sections exist at present. Subject to the availability of financial resources, these proposals will be implemented over a period of three to five years.

### **Statement I**

*List of Resident—Indian Missions/  
Posts abroad*

#### **PART—I—EMBASSIES**

1. Kabul
2. Algiers
3. Buenos Aires
4. Vienna
5. Bahrain
6. Brussels
7. Thimpu
8. Brasilia
9. Sofia
10. Rangoon
11. Phnom Penh
12. Santiago
13. Peking
14. Bogota
15. Havana
16. Prague
17. Copenhagen
18. Cairo
19. Addis Ababa
20. Helsinki
21. Paris
22. Berlin
23. Bonn