

- (6) Films Division of the Government of India to be equipped to provide subtitling facilities to the industry at reasonable rates.

Tea Research Station at Valparai

*166. **Shri Tangamani:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Tea Research Station is going to be set up at Valparai in Madras State;

(b) if so, who are the sponsors;

(c) what is the extent of assistance to be given by Government?

(d) whether there is a proposal to start of sub-station in a suitable centre in Kerala; and

(e) if so, the name of the place and nature of work expected to be carried out?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) Yes, Sir, near Valparai.

(b) The United Planters' Association of Southern India with financial assistance from the Tea Board.

(c) and (d). A capital grant of Rs. 14,86,700 to be made by the Tea Board to the Association for the establishment of the Central Laboratory and Field Station in the Anamallais and a Sub-Station in Kerala for carrying out research work on tea.

(e) The sub-station near the Wardie Estate, Vandiperiyar will undertake research on problems specific to the tea areas in Kerala.

South Africa as a Member of Commonwealth

*167. { **Shri Harish Chandra**
Mathur:
Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered the question of accepting

South African Republic as a Member of the Commonwealth;

(b) whether reactions of other Afro-Asian countries have been ascertained in the matter; and

(c) if so, what is the consensus of opinion?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon):

(a) So far, no formal request from the South African Government has been received. It is only when such a request is received that Government will consider it in the context of the then existing circumstances. Government's views on 'apartheid' and the racial policies of the South African Government are well known. Government is also of the view that a policy of racial discrimination or apartheid is contrary to the basic principles of Commonwealth.

(b) and (c). The question of ascertaining the reactions of other Afro-Asian countries on this issue does not arise. This is a matter for the Commonwealth countries to decide, independently, as to what attitude they should take.

'A Day at Zoo'

252. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1968 on the 2nd September, 1960 and state the up-to-date progress made on work of the film 'A Day at Zoo'?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): Shooting of the film is nearing completion.

Indo-Tibetan Trade

253. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state the position in regard to Indo-Tibetan Trade on the Kalimpong-Gangtok-Nathula Pass-Yatung caravan route during the last three months?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): The Indo-Tibetan Trade on