## Indians working as Labourers in Foreign Countries

3591. DR. MELKOTE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITA-TION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Indians working as labourers in foreign countries, countrywise;
- (b) whether these Indians are treated at par with the local workers; and
  - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRIR. K. KHA-DILKAR): (a) Information about Indian Workers employed in foreign countries is not available. However, the latest available estimates of the people of Indian Origin in some of the overseas countries are given in the attached statement.

(b) and (c). Available information from some of the countries like West Indies, Malaysia and U. K. reveals that no discrimination in matters relating to wages etc. of the workers is made in these countries on the basis of racial origin.

## Statement

Country	Year to which information relates	Population of Indian Origin
(1)	(2)	(3)
United Kingdom	1967	2,60,000
Asia		
Burma	1966	2,00,000
Ceylon	1969	11,02,000*
Federation of Malaysia	1969	9,00,000 App.@

<sup>\*</sup>This includes an estimated number of about 63,000 Indian travel document holders.

<sup>@</sup>Including Pakistanics.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Estimated Mid year figures (taken from United Nations Monthly Bulletin of Statistics, July, 1970).

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Indian Labourers only.

<sup>@@</sup>Relates to the persons of Asian Origin.