

offered to mediate between India and Pakistan over the evacuation of the Indian Diplomatic personnel from Pakistan ;

(b) if so, whether the efforts of the Swiss Government have yielded any results ;

(c) if not, the reasons for the same and whether any other country has offered to negotiate in the matter ; and

(d) if not, how Government propose to secure the release of the Indian diplomats ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) The Swiss Government on the request of the Government of Pakistan, agreed to lend their good offices in regard to the arrangements for ascertaining the wishes of those members of the erstwhile Pakistan Mission in Calcutta who declared their allegiance to the Government of Bangla Desh.

(b) Negotiations are still continuing.

(c) Negotiations have become protracted because of Pakistan's unreasonable insistence that it is India's responsibility to make those persons of the erstwhile Pakistan Mission in Calcutta who changed their allegiance to the Bangla Desh Government, to meet a representative of the Pakistan Government individually. We have made it clear that this is a matter for these persons themselves to decide.

(d) As stated above negotiations are continuing in this matter.

#### **Jobless Doctors in Mysore State**

1466. SHRI DHARAMRAO AFZALPURKAR : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Doctors who are jobless in Mysore State ;

(b) whether Government have received any representation from the House Surgeon's Association of Mysore in this regard ; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereon.

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING, AND HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI UMA SHANKAR DIKSHIT) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected from the State Government of Mysore and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

#### **Appointment of a Commission to study the aspects of manufacturing and marketing of drugs**

1467. SHRI DHARAMRAO AFZALPURKAR : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Medical Association has approached the Union Government to set up a Commission to go into all the aspects of manufacturing and marketing of drugs ; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government here to ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICAL (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government feel that there is no need to set up any such Commission at this stage as they are fully seized of all matters relating to manufacturing, pricing and marketing of drugs in the country.

#### **Recruitment of Staff in Eastern Branch of Indian Oil Corporation.**

1468. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of officers and staff recruited for Eastern Branch of the Indian Oil Corporation during the last three years (year-wise) ;

(b) the comparative figures of officers and staff during the last three years ;

(c) the reason for making recruitment of officers in the Corporation in a disproportionate manner ;

(d) the details of restrictions imposed during 1968-69 and 1969-70 on new recruit-