Escurt attacked by POW's in U.-P.

661. SHRI P. GANGADEB SHRI P. M MEHTA

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state.

- (a) whether on the 13th October, 1972 the Pak P.O.W's attacked the escort in Uttar Pradesh Jail:
- (b) if so, whether some Pak POW's were killed in firing, and
- (c) whether this is a second time where such kind of incidents took place?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): (a) On 13th O-tober 1972, the Pak POWs attacked the guards in one of the POW Camps in Uttar Pradesh and not in any jail in Uttar Pradesh.

- (b) Six Pak POWs were killed in firing.
- (c) This was the third incident of this kind.

South Vietnam derecognises India as Chairman of International Control Commission for Indo China

662 SHRI P. GANGADEB SHRI RAGHUNANDAN JAL BHATIA

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

- (a) whether South Vietnam has withdrawn recognition of India as Chairman of the International Control Commission for Indo-China;
- (b) whether the Communique released on the 30th September by the Consulate General of South Vietnam was strongly worded against India; and
- (c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH):
(a) Yes Sir.

- (b) The communique released by the Consulate General of South Vietnam and in particular, the annexure to it were somewhat strongly worded.
- (c) As stated in the Indo-Polish joint statement of 28th September 1972, the attitude and actions of the South Vietnamese Government violate the competence and normal functioning of the Commission and as such constitute a clear violation of and disrespect for the Geneva Agreement

Concern expressed by Foreign Embassies regarding fate of relief supplies for Bangladesh

663 SHRI R J ULAGANAMBI Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AF-FAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether various Embassies in Delhi have expressed their concern to the Ministry of External Affairs about the fate of the relief materials their countries sent to India, and
- (b) whether any Embassies wanted specific assurance from the League of Red Cross Societies in this behalf, and if so, the names of such Embassies?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRF (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH)

- (a) No. Sir.
 - (b) 190, Sir..

Constitution of a Task Force on Iron and Steel Technology

664. SHRI K P. UNNIKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has constituted a task force on iron and steel