

by various units and co-ordinate the work done by other agencies like the Indian Institute of Public Opinion, Universities etc.

- (ii) A Unit in each Region to carry out surveys and other investigations planned centrally.

The Listener Research Department will utilise all the well-known methods of ascertaining listener opinion like sample surveys, postal surveys "Polls", "On the Spot" investigations, Panel Studies, etc. It is a fact-finding machinery and efforts will be made to gather all relevant facts in a scientific manner.

Royal Navy Submarine

2445. { Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:
Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri M. N. Swamy
Shri Laxmi Dass:
Shri Yashpal Singh:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Royal Navy Submarine 'HM Astute' arrived in India in July, 1965 for giving anti-submarine training to the Indian Navy personnel;

(b) if so, the details of the training imparted so far; and

(c) how useful it will prove for the Indian Navy?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The submarine was used for imparting anti-submarine warfare training to ships and aircraft of the Indian Navy. The training has helped the Navy to keep abreast of modern techniques in anti-submarine warfare, and therefore increased its fighting efficiency in this field.

Passport Racket in Kerala

2446. Shri Bagri: Will the Minister

of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a big racket of passport was unearthed by the Kerala Police recently;

(b) if so, the number of persons arrested so far; and

(c) the action taken in the matter?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) Some cases of forgery of passports have been detected by Kerala Police.

(b) 13.

(c) The case is under investigation by the Kerala C.I.D.

Recognition of Israel

2447. { Shri Kapur Singh:
Shri P. K. Deo:
Shri Gulshan:
Shri Solanki:
Shri Narasimha Reddy:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been invited to press reports appearing in some papers that India is giving a second thought to the question of recognition of Israel; and

(b) if so, whether there is any truth in these reports and details thereof?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) The Government of India recognized Israel on 17th September, 1950 and the position remains unaltered.

(b) The question does not arise.

Remelting of Gold Medals

2448. { Shri Kapur Singh:
Shri P. K. Deo:
Shri Gulshan:
Shri Solanki:
Shri Narasimha Reddy:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Gov-