

the Chinese are "systematically planting a new population" along China-India border;

(b) if so, whether the fact has been verified by Government; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

**The Minister of External Affairs (Shri Swaran Singh):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Government are aware that the Chinese Government have been bringing people of Han origin for settlement in Tibet, but have no confirmation of the press report that they are planting a new population in a 250 mile-belt along the India-China border.

#### **Ban on Bengali Film**

1220. **Shri Hem Barua:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have banned a Bengali film based on a Hindi novel by Mahadevi Varma called Neel Akasher Neeche;

(b) if so, when this picture was first produced and whether it was granted "U" certificate by the authorities at the time; and

(c) if so, the reasons for this decision by Government and the period for which this ban is imposed?

**The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) to (c). The film was produced and granted a "U" certificate by the Central Board of Film Censors in 1958. After a review of the film the Central Board of Film Censors reported to the Government in August, 1965 that 'in the present context of Indo-Chinese relations, the film is likely to have undesirable impact on audiences' and advised that the film be uncertified under section 6 of the Cinematograph Act, 1952. After due consultation with concerned departments the exhibition of the film has been suspended for 2 months and a notice has been given to the producers to show cause why the film should not be banned permanently. A final

decision in the matter would be taken after giving full opportunity to the producers to represent their case.

#### **Indian Workers on strike in Rubber Factory in London**

1221. **Shri Mohammad Elias:**

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:**

**Shri Hukam Chand**

**Kachhavaiya:**

**Shri Bade:**

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that nearly 6,000 Indian workers went on a strike in a Rubber factory, namely Wolf & Co. at South Hall near London;

(b) whether it is fact that the U.K. Government have not taken any steps to settle the strike and as a result the workers are going through extreme hardship; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by our Government to help these Indian workers?

**The Minister of External Affairs (Shri Swaran Singh):** (a) Yes, Sir. It is, however, reported that the number of workers was about six hundred only and the strike has been settled.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

#### **Pakistani and Chinese Propaganda**

1222. **Shri A. N. Vidyalankar:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has been able to finalise its plan in coordination with the Defence Ministry to counteract Pakistani and Chinese propaganda and to ensure adequate and prompt publicity during the operational period; and

(b) whether any joint machinery has been set up to function properly and effectively at the time of emergency; if so, the nature thereof?

**The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) and (b). A satisfactory procedure in this behalf is in the process of being evolved by Government.