

- (b) Yes, Sir.
- (c) 10, Sir.
- (d) No, Sir.
- (e) Rs. 1705.77.

SMALL-SIZED CENTRAL CABINET

413. SHRI S. P. RAMAMOORTHY :  
 SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO :  
 SHRI RABI RAY :  
 SHRI SRADHAKAR SUPAKAR :  
 SHRI R. K. AMIN :  
 SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH :  
 SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO :  
 SHRI RANJIT SINGH :  
 SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJ-  
 PAYEE :  
 SHRI NARAIN SWARUP  
 SHARMA :  
 SHRI JAGANNATH RAO JOSHI:  
 SHRI R. BARUA :  
 SHRI S. C. SAMANTA :  
 SHRI N. R. LASKAR :  
 SHRI D. N. PATODIA :  
 SHRI B. K. DAS CHOWDHURY :  
 SHRI P. K. DEO :  
 SHRI OM PRAKASH TYAGI :  
 SHRI HIMATSIKKA :  
 SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES :  
 SHRI J. B. SINGH :  
 SHRI SHRI GOPAL SABOO :  
 SHRI SHARDANAND :  
 SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA :  
 SHRI PRAKASH VIR SHASTRI :  
 SHRI K. LAKKAPPA :  
 SHRI A. SREEDHARAN :  
 SHRI SHRI CHAND GOYAL :  
 SHRI HUKAM CHAND KACH-  
 WAI :  
 SHRI YAJNA DATT SHARMA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Administrative Reforms Commission in its recent report has proposed a compact Central Cabinet of 16 Ministers to ensure homogeneity, speed and purposeful functioning.

(b) if so, whether Government propose to lay a copy of the report on the Table;

(c) whether Government have examined the recommendations made by the Administrative Reforms Commission in this regard; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction there-to ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The report of the Administrative Reforms Commission on "The Machinery of the Government of India and its procedures of work" is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2073/68].

(c) and (d). The report was received by Government on 16th September, 1968 and is under examination.

"QUIT SIKKIM" MOVEMENT

414. SHRI S. P. RAMAMOORTHY :  
 SHRI P. K. DEO :  
 SHRI R. BARUA :  
 SHRI HUKAM CHAND KACH-  
 WAI :  
 SHRI M. L. SONDHI :  
 SHRI NITIRAJ SINGH CHAU-  
 DHARY :  
 SHRI N. R. LASKAR :  
 SHRI R. K. AMIN :  
 SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH :  
 SHRI HIMATSIKKA :  
 SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES :  
 DR. SUSHILA NAYAR :  
 SHRI ONKAR LAL BERWA :  
 SHRI MADHU LIMAYE :  
 SHRI SHRI CHAND GOYAL :  
 SHRI GADILINGANA GOWD :  
 SHRI MEETHA LAL MEENA :  
 SHRI YASHPAL SINGH :  
 SHRI D. C. SHARMA :  
 SHRI BENI SHANKER  
 SHARMA :  
 SHRI OM PRAKASH TYAGI :  
 SHRI RAGHUVIR SINGH  
 SHASTRI :  
 SHRI DHIRESWAR KALITA :  
 SHRI D. N. DEB :  
 SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AF-  
 FAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether "Quit Sikkim" movement has recently been launched by students in Sikkim;

(b) if so, whether Government have received any report in this regard from its representative there;

(c) whether any enquiry has been made from the Government of Sikkim as to the factors leading to this movement and its implications; and

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

**THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) :** (a) On August 15, 1968 there was a minor demonstration outside the residence of the Government of India's Political Officer in Gangtok, Sikkim. The participants were local school-boys and they were seen to be displaying placards, which carried slogans seemingly asking the Government of India to review the Treaty relationship between India and Sikkim.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) An enquiry, conducted by the Sikkimese authorities, indicated that the demonstration was a chance outburst by certain dis-affected elements.

(d) The Government of India took up the matter strongly with the Chogyal of Sikkim. The Government of Sikkim after conducting an investigation regretted the incident. A copy of the Press note issued by the Government of Sikkim on 9th September 1968 is placed on the Table of the House.

**PRESS COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM DARBAR ON SEPTEMBER 9, 1968 :**

"The Government of Sikkim deplors the placard incident in Gangtok on the 15th August and also the veiled threats of force. Sikkim is a Buddhist country and hence pledged to peace and non-violence. The relations between India and Sikkim are most cordial and warm and such incidents even though small, are not in the

interest of Sikkim and are to be regretted and condemned".

#### MASANI COMMITTEE'S REPORT

415. **SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES :**  
**SHRI S. M. BANERJEE :**  
**SHRI RABI RAY :**

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Masani Committee Report has been considered;

(b) if so, whether it is proposed to hold talks with the representatives of the A.I.R. Staff Artists on its implementation; and

(c) if so, when?

**THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH) :** (a) The report is under examination.

(b) and (c). The views of the representatives of A.I.R. staff artists will be taken into consideration before taking final decisions. Consultation with them will take place during the next one month or so.

#### RUSSIAN FLAG PLANTED IN INDIAN EMBASSY IN PRAGUE

416. **SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES :**  
**SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJ-PAYEE :**  
**SHRI JAGANNATH RAO JOSHI :**  
**SHRI NARAIN SWARUP SHARMA :**  
**SHRI BENI SHANKER SHARMA :**  
**SHRI D. C. SHARMA :**  
**SHRI HUKAM CHAND KACH-WAI :**

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that following India's abstention at the U.N. on the resolution condemning Soviet aggression on Czechoslovakia some citizens of Prague staged a demonstration and planted a Russian flag on the gates of the Indian Embassy in Prague;