

Mission is directed to supervise and co-ordinate the representational activities of his officers in order to ensure that the grants are so spent as to obtain the best results by way of developing contacts with as representative, useful and broad a cross section of the local society, as possible. In cases of doubt regarding the usefulness of any entertainment, the officers are guided by the head of Mission and he, in turn, by the Ministry.

(d) and (e) : We have been able to get data from October, 1965 ;

1. *9th October, 1965* : Reception by Ambassador and Mrs. Nehru for Shrimati Balaraswati, Indian Classical Dancer.

2. *1st April, 1966* : Reception by Minister (Education and Culture) for group of 17 Indian farmers visiting U.S.A. under auspices of Farmers and World Affairs Inc.

3. *9th May, 1966* ; Reception by Minister (Education and Culture) for 16 college professors from India under an exchange programme.

4. *11th May, 1966*: Reception by Minister (Education and Culture) for Director, India International Centre.

5. *25th July, 1966* : Reception by Consul-General, New York for Ali Akbar Khan, well-known Indian musician, inaugurating Festival of Indian Arts in the Lincoln Centre, New York.

No receptions for Indian visitors have been given since July, except one August 23 for 17 exchange teachers and another on the 25th August for 19 youth leaders and social workers from India.

In addition, individual officers have similarly entertained visiting journalists and important non-officials from India in the normal course.

The data from January, 1963 are being collected. It is expected that only the data in respect of the Ambassador will be obtained since he has been there from that time and earlier. As mentioned above, individual officers must have similarly entertained

visiting journalists and important non-officials from India in the normal course.

Examination of Maps

3665. Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to refer to the replies given to supplementaries on Starred Question No 1371 on the 6th April, 1961 and state :

- (a) whether all maps produced by all the countries have been examined ; and
- (b) if so, with what result ?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri Swaran Singh) : (a) and (b). The Indian Missions abroad as well as the Ministry of External Affairs have been scrutinizing maps published in foreign countries and in cases where India's international frontiers have been erroneously depicted, the matter has been taken up with the agencies concerned and in some cases we have succeeded in having the errors corrected. Further efforts are being made by the Government.

U. S. Military Mission in India.

3666. Shri Hem Barua : Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state :

- (a) whether it is a fact that U. S. has stationed a large military mission in India and if so, since when and the total strength of this mission ;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that India has recently requested the U. S. authorities to drastically cut down the strength of this military mission ; and
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor ?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri Swaran Singh) : (a) Yes, Sir. Following the Chinese aggression, the United States Government under an Agreement with the Government of India, established a Military Mission in

New Delhi in December 1962, for the purpose of processing and reviewing the supplies of U. S. military equipment to India. The authorised strength of the Mission is 120 personnel.

(b) At our request, the U. S. authorities have cut down the strength of the Military Mission to 68 and will be further reducing it to 42 by the end of September, 1966.

(c) It was considered that a sizeable reduction in the strength of the Military Mission could be made, as its workload decreased as a result of the stoppage of supplies of military equipment from the U.S.A., after the outbreak of the Indo-Pak hostilities in August-September, 1965.

Relief Supplies from Switzerland

3666-A. Shri Braj Behari Mehrotra :

Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey :

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indo-Swiss agreement for duty-free entry into India of relief supplies was signed recently ; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof ?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri Swaran Singh) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Agreement was signed on 9th August, 1966.

(b) The Agreement provides that—

- (i) the supplies of goods and standard packs for relief and rehabilitation donated through the approved Swiss relief agencies to approved voluntary relief and rehabilitation organisations in India and consigned through the Department of Social Security of the Government of India will be accorded duty free entry into India ;
- (ii) the supplies of goods and standard packs under the Agreement are confined to food grains and other food stuffs, drugs and medicines,

multi-vitamin tablets, hospital equipment and supplies and agricultural implements ;

- (iii) Freight and Insurance charges up to the port/airport of entry into India will be paid by the Swiss relief agencies and the transport charges in India will be defrayed by the Government of India ;
- (iv) the supplies imported under the Agreement shall be used solely for relief and rehabilitation or in health and social welfare projects and shall, if for distribution, be distributed free among the poor and the needy of all sections to the community without discrimination on any grounds.

पूर्वी जर्मनी का व्यापार मिशन

3666-B. श्री यु० द० सिंह :

श्री श्रींकार लाल बेरवा :

क्या वैदेशिक कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 25 जुलाई, 1966 के दिल्ली के "राष्ट्रहित" नामक हिन्दी साप्ताहिक में प्रकाशित इस आशय के समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है कि भारतीय साम्यवादियों के पूर्वी जर्मनी के व्यापार मिशन से गुप्त सम्बन्ध हैं ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि यह मिशन राष्ट्र-विरोधी कार्य कर रहा है ; और

(ग) यदि हाँ, तो इस सम्बन्ध में क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

वैदेशिक-कार्य मंत्री (श्री स्वर्ण सिंह) :

(क) जी हाँ ।

(ख) जी नहीं ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

American Peace Corps Men

3666-C. Shrimati Renu Chakravarty : Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state :

(a) whether recently a group of American Peace Corpsmen and their friends resid-