

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) During his recent visit to Brussels, the Minister of Foreign Trade held discussions with the President of the Commission of the European Communities and urged upon him that the outstanding problems between India and the Community should be solved as quickly as possible. Requests were made for the consolidation of the total or partial suspension of tariffs on items of interest to India such as tea, East India Kips, Cashew-nuts, certain spices and handloom fabrics and handicrafts. Increased quotas for textiles and other products were also requested. The Minister asked for a meaningful contribution of the EEC within the framework of the Generalised scheme of preferences, which would be of real value for India.

A meeting of the Council of Ministers of the European Economic Community has not, however, been held so far to consider specifically India's case.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

American Citizens in Israeli Army

1440. SHRI H. N. MUKERJEE :
SHRI C. JANARDHANAN :
SHRI ISHAQ SAMBHALI :
SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the U. S. Government's statement that some American citizens are serving in Israeli Army;

(b) whether this revelation has led to wide-spread protests from the Arab countries; 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 Arab countries have strongly reacted against this.

(c) The Government of India is deeply concerned about the situation in West Asia, which has shown no sign of improvement. Anything which tends to aggravate the situation further is a matter of concern to us.

ईसाई धर्म प्रचारकों द्वारा भारतीय लड़कियों को विदेशों में ले जाया जाना

1441. श्री भारत सिंह चौहान :
श्री हुकम चन्व कछवाय :

क्या वैदेशिक-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) ईसाई धर्म प्रचारक 1 जनवरी, 1968 से ले कर अब तक धार्मिक शिक्षा के लिये कितनी लड़कियाँ विदेशों में ले गये;

(ख) उपयुक्त अवधि में उन में से कितनी लड़कियाँ भारत वापिस आ गई हैं; और

(ग) उन को वापिस लाने के लिये सरकार का क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार है ?

वैदेशिक-कार्य मंत्रालय में उप-मन्त्री (श्री सुरेन्द्रपाल सिंह) : (क) से (ग). पृष्ठताछ की जा रही है और मूना प्राप्त होने पर सदन की भेज पर खबरी जागी।

Change in Non-Alignment Policy

1442. SHRI SHRI CHAND GOYAL : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian policy of non-alignment was formulated two decades ago when the U. S. S. R. and U. S. A. were at loggerhead and important powers were anxious to befriend India;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the position has now reversed and important powers of the world are more anxious to secure the friendship of Pakistan than of India and