

September 5 1970 in Benghazi that 735 foreigners holding senior position in Libya have had their contracts terminated; this included 12 Indians. According to the latest information available with Government, 11 Indians employed by the Libyan Government, have had their contract terminated so far.

(b) The replacement of foreigners by Libyan nationals is a part of the Arabisation policies of the Libyan Government. It would not be proper for Government to take any formal measures in this regard since there is nothing to suggest that Indians in particular are being discriminated against.

**Invitation to Indians sent by  
Chinese Embassy in  
New Delhi**

4422. SHRI P. K. DEO : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether all the invitations to Indians by the Chinese Embassy in New Delhi as a rule have to be routed through his Ministry;

(b) whether this rule is being strictly adhered to by the Chinese Embassy and if not, the action taken in this regard;

(c) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a report in the *Statesman* of the 25th September, 1970 in this regard; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (d). The requirement of routing invitations to non-diplomats through the Ministry of External Affairs is only designed to ensure proper security

for the Chinese Embassy. Necessary steps are taken to screen non-diplomatic invitees before entry into Chinese Embassy.

(c) Yes, Sir.

**Export of Surgical Tools to  
U.S.S.R.**

4423. SHRI N. R. LASKAR :  
SHRI SAMINATHAN :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether U. S. S. R. has placed an order for surgical tools from India; and

(b) whether any agreement has been signed and if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN) : (a) and (b). Yes. USSR has placed a firm order for 2,57,000 instruments of 15 types worth Rs. 23,96,100/- to be delivered during the period January-April, 1971. A contract has been signed to this effect on the 18th November, 1970. This is in addition to the order for 2,47,800 instruments of the value of Rs. 21,61,155 which has already been executed two months ahead of the schedule in the current year.

**Export of Products of Surgical  
Instruments Plant, Madras to  
Countries other than U.S.S.R.**

4424. SHRI SAMINATHAN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES & METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Surgical Instruments Plant at Madras has also exported its products to countries other than USSR;