

Union. No comments are called for on the part of the Government of India. However, Government welcomes the Pakistan President's statement that he is prepared to take steps to help establish peaceful condition in the Sub-continent and that he attaches importance to cessation of hostile propaganda against India.

**Refusal for use of own Plane to U.S
Ambassador**

2124. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the American Ambassador has been refused use of his own plane within the country;

(b) how many times such use was allowed during last three years, and

(c) the reason for grant of such permission ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH). (a) and (c). Government's permission is mandatory for each flight. Such permission has been granted or withheld by Government after taking into account factors relevant to each particular flight.

(b) Thirty-five times

**Setting up Naval Bases in Ceylon by
Foreign Powers**

2125. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to State :

(a) whether certain foreign powers are trying to set up naval bases in Ceylon; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) The Government has no information on the subject.

(b) Does not arise.

12 hr.

**RE : CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES
(Query)**

MR. SPEAKER : Shri D. K. Panda.

SHRI S. M. BANERJEE (Kanpur) : Sir, we have been giving call attention notices on the terrible bombing in Viet-Nam.

MR. SPEAKER : Not now Any time you like, you get up ?

SHRI D. K. PANDA

**CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER
OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE**

**REPORTED UNEARTHING OF FORGED POSTAL
STAMP RACKET**

SHRI D. K. PANDA (Bhanjanagar) : Sir, I call the attention of the hon. Minister of Communications to the following matter of urgent public importance and request that he may make a statement thereon .

"Reported unearthing of forged postal stamps racket and seizure of a large quantity of postal stamps "

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA) : On 22-3-72 a member of the public brought six sheets of 20-paise (Ghat series issued on 16-10 67) forged postage stamps to me. Senior Officers of the P & T Directorate were directed by me to commence immediate investigations as the stamps produced were forged.

The vigilance squad of the P & T Directorate assisted by the police arrested 2 postal officials of Anzari Road Post Office (Delhi) on 30-3-72 and on the same