

LOK SABHA DEBATES

(Part II—Proceedings other than Questions and Answers)

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LOK SABHA

Tuesday, 31st July, 1956

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

(See Part I)

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PAPER LAID ON THE TABLE

BOOKLET ON INITIAL CONSTITUTION OF INDIAN FOREIGN SERVICE BRANCH 'B'

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): On behalf of the Prime Minister, I beg to lay on the Table a copy of the booklet on the initial constitution of the Indian Foreign Service Branch 'B'. [Placed in Library. See No. S-275/56].

MESSAGE FROM RAJYA SABHA

Secretary: Sir, I have to report the following message received from the Secretary of Rajya Sabha:

"I am directed to inform the Lok Sabha that the Rajya Sabha at its sitting held on the 30th July, 1956, has passed the following motion.

MOTION

"That this House concurs in the recommendation of the Lok Sabha that the Joint Committee of the Houses on the Bill to amend and consolidate the law relating to copyright be instructed to report on or before the 16th August, 1956."

Mr. Speaker: B. G. Mehta to present the Minutes of the Estimates Committee. Not present.

STATEMENT BY PRIME MINISTER ON COMMONWEALTH PRIME MINISTERS' CONFERENCE AND HIS VISIT ABROAD.

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Finance (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): A number of questions which refer to the recent meeting of Commonwealth Prime Ministers and my visit abroad have been submitted to you, Sir, and you have been pleased to suggest that I make a brief statement on these matters to the House.

The conference and conversations on which I was engaged, cover a wide range of topics of common interest and of world affairs, and were largely in the way of exchange of views and clarification of positions. Where possible, we also tried to seek and find similarities of views and approach to such problems. As a rule, such exchanges of views are not about specific problems that may be subsisting as between the participants in such conferences or talks.

Conferences of Commonwealth Prime Ministers, or other Ministers, take place at intervals, at times and places arranged by consultation among Commonwealth States.

At the recent meeting of Prime Ministers in London, the Prime Ministers exchanged views on matters of common interest to all of them, more particularly problems relating to current developments in international affairs. The Communiqué issued at the end of the Conference has been published in