

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SWARAN SINGH) : As mentioned on page 2 of the statement, they had "urged upon the parties concerned . . . that a political settlement be reached reflecting the clear expression of opinion in the election of last December for greater autonomy and a role in their own affairs." This is what they have reported. We have ourselves made the position quite clear that it is for the elected representatives of Bangladesh to decide as to what is to be the future of their country and we have always supported the right of the people of Bangladesh to determine their future.

SHRI DASARATHA DEB : The suggestion was for greater autonomy. But after the formation of the government there that question does not arise at all. Will the government now recognise that independent government ?

MR. SPEAKER : We cannot have a debate on it during question hour.

SHRI SAMAR GUHA : May I know whether the delegates from the different Parliaments of different States who visited this country have reported to their own governments after their return and, if so, what is the reaction of the Government to that ? Secondly, may I know whether the government have made a compilation of the statements made by the different foreign dignitaries, including Members of Parliament of this country and other countries and also whether they have taken documentary films of those visits and whether the compilation of statements and the documentary films are shown and circulated to the embassies of the different countries of the world to rouse the conscience of the world on this matter of Bangladesh ?

SHRI SWARAN SINGH : The dissemination of information on the lines suggested by the hon. Member is in hand. Some films about these visits have also been prepared and some of them have been shown inside the country and also in some other countries.

SHRI SAMAR GUHA : What about the statements ?

SHRI SWARAN SINGH : Some of them have been circulated ; some of them not.

Replacement of Destroyers and Frigates

*1509. **SHRI V. N. P. SINGH :** Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of destroyers and frigates that need replacement ; and

(b) the steps being taken to replace them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) and (b). Old destroyers and Frigates of the Navy are being replaced by construction in the country as well as by acquisition from abroad. It would not be in public interest to disclose any further details in this regard.

Establishment of new Medical Colleges during Fourth Plan in West Bengal

*1510. **SHRI SUBODH HANSDA :** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3548 on the 7th December, 1970, regarding opening of New Medical Colleges in the country and state :

(a) whether West Bengal had any specific proposal for establishment of Medical Colleges during the Fourth Five Year Plan ; and

(b) whether all the proposals have been accepted ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA) : (a) and (b). The Working Group on Medical Education in respect of the Fourth Five Year Plan had recommended the establishment of two medical colleges in West Bengal out of the total of ten to be opened during the period of the Fourth Plan in the whole country. The Government of West Bengal were addressed in the matter and they have stated that the two medical colleges allotted to them during the Fourth Plan have already been set up, one at Siliguri and the other at Burdwan.

There are no further proposals from the Government of West Bengal in regard to the opening of any additional college.

SHRI SUBODH HANSDA : In view of the statement of the Minister that two new colleges have been established, I would like to know whether in setting up these two colleges all the norms and conditions have been fulfilled, as laid down by the Medical Council of India ?