बिटेन और सोवियत संघ के बीच हुई एक अन्तरिक संघि के अनुसार, अंतरिक में छोड़े जाने वाले किसी उपगह के अन्यत्र गिर जाने से होने वाली हानि की क्षतिपूर्ति की जाएगी,

(ल) यदि हां, तो इस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिकिया है; ग्रीर

(ग) क्या यह सघि करने से पूर्व इनमें से किसी देशा ने भारत सरकार से परामर्शं कियाथा?

(ख) ग्रौर (ग). भारत इस समिति का सदस्य है तथा इसके समभौते एव सफलतापूर्वक निष्पादन मे भारत ने सक्रिय सहयोग दिया है i

## Cases of Irregularities in Employees Provident Fund

## 594. SHRI P. NARASIMHA REDDY: SHRI M. D. JAMILURRAH-MAN.

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state: (a) the number of cases of lapses in Employers contribution to Workers Provident Fund and malpractices in regard to its administration have come tolight during the last three years;

(b) the steps taken to remedy such lapses and malpractices; and

(c) whether there is a proposal to issue Pass Books in respect of Provident Fund to the contributing employees ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION ((SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : The Provident Fund Authorities have reported as under:

(a) The number of defaulting unexempted establishments, which were in default in respect of payment of contributions of employers and or workers' share stood at 5885,8400,7842 as at the end of March, 1969, March, 70 and March, 1971 respectively. No information is readily available in respect of establishments which have failed to contribute only the employers' share of contribution

(b) Legal action by way of prosecution and recovery proceedings under the Provisions of the Employees Provident Funds and Family Pension Fund Act, 1952, 15 taken generally against defaulting establishments. In suitable cases complaints are filed under section 406/409 of the Indian Penal Code, Penal damages are also levied under section 14-B of the Employees Provident Funds and Family Pension Fund Act, 1952.

(c) No such proposal is at present under consideration

## Arrest of Indian Traders in Ceylon

## \* 595. SHRI BIRENDER SINGH RAO: SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Ceylon Governmen have arrested a number of Indian Tanders and businessmen workin; there;