

moment. But I can assure the House that every effort will be made to see that the best possible medical treatment is given to Acharyaji.

USSR Warships in Indian Ocean

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*1082. SHRI CHIMANBHAI H. SHUKLA:

SHRI G. Y KRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in the 'Indian Express' dated the 14th April, 1979 stating that Russian task force has entered Indian Ocean; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government to such a move?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJ-PAYEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) We have consistently advocated that the Indian Ocean should be made a zone of peace free from great power naval presence and rivalries. It has been our fear that the increase in the naval presence of one super power leads to the corresponding increase in the naval presence of the other. We feel more than ever that USA and USSR should resume talks with a view to the limitation and eventual elimination of their naval presence in the Indian Ocean.

श्री चिमन भाई एच० शुक्ल : आदरणीय अध्यक्ष जी, कोसिंगिन साहब जब भारत पधारे थे तो उन्होंने बहुत बड़ी बड़ी बातें की थी, चाइना को गाली देने से भी बाज नही आए थे। दूसरी ओर इंडियन ओशन में रशियन स्टाक फोर्स के आने की खबर है। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि अमरीका के साथ बातचीत जब होगी तब होगी, अभी आप क्या करने के लिए सोच रहे हैं जिस से कि इंडियन ओशन में महा-शक्तियों की होड़ न बड़े?

श्री अरुण बिहारी बनर्जी : अध्यक्ष महोदय, सोवियत संघ के प्रधान मंत्री जब भारत पधारे थे तो हिन्द महा सागर के बारे में चर्चा हुई थी। सोवियत संघ अमरीका के साथ इस सम्बन्ध में

बातचीत करने के लिये तैयार है। सोवियत संघ ने यह भी हमें सूचित किया है कि जब यूनाइटेड नेशन्स के तत्वाधान में तटवर्ती देशों का सम्मेलन होगा तो सोवियत संघ उसमें प्रेक्षक के रूप में भाग लेगा और अपनी स्थिति स्पष्ट करने के लिए वक्तव्य भी देगा।

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Employment Exchange in South for Seamen

*1074. SHRI P. THIAGARAJAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) total number of Seamen from Madras, Kerala, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) whether Government have considered the feasibility of opening Employment Exchanges for recruiting Seamen at important places in the South like Tuticorin, Madras etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI CHAND RAM): (a) 5635 from Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh.

(b) A proposal to open Seamen's Employment Office in Madras was considered and dropped as not feasible on administrative and economic grounds.

Loss to Indians in Uganda

*1077. SHRI M. V. CHANDRA-SHEKHARA MURTHY:

SHRI ANANT DAVE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the people of Indian origin in Uganda are safe or they fled outside the country during the disturbances there;