

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) and (b) The Administrative Reforms Commission had received suggestions from various officials and non-officials on this subject. The Commission have only recently submitted their final report to Government on the Machinery for Planning. A summary of the recommendations made in the Report is placed on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-520/68] Examination of Report is being undertaken.

RACIAL CLASHES IN LONDON

*745. SHRI D. N. PATODIA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether racial clashes were reported recently in London in which the Indians were involved;

(b) if so, the cause for these incidents;

(c) whether Government have taken up the matter with the Government of U.K. ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) to (c) No racial clash involving Indians in London or in other parts of U.K. has come to Government's notice recently.

DEPUTATION OF GUJJAR TRIBES

*746. SHRI PREM CHAND VERMA :

SHRI ONKAR LAL BERWA :
SHRI RAMACHANDRA J. AMIN :
SHRI P. N. SOLANKI :
SHRI R. K. AMIN :
SHRI KIKAR SINGH :
SHRI D. R. PARMAR :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a deputation had met her at Delhi on the 16th February, 1968 in connection with the grievances of the Gujjar Tribes;

(b) if so, the names and status of the persons forming the deputation; and

(c) the details of the discussion and the outcome hereof ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) to (c) Swami Rama Nand Bharti, President, Gujjar Tribals Welfare Committee and Sarvashri Hardit Sharma, Bakshi Jagdev Singh and M. N. Sharma met the Prime Minister on the 16th February 1968 and invited her to preside over the 5th All India Gujjar Tribals Conference to be held at Pathankot. The Prime Minister thanked Shri Bharti and his colleagues for their invitation but expressed her inability to preside over the Gujjar Tribals Conference on account of her extremely heavy schedule (both internal and foreign) during the coming months.

MATCHING GRANTS TO STATES FOR PLAN PROJECT

*747. SHRI D. N. PATODIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the present system of giving matching grants to the States for plan projects worked against the interest of the under-developed States;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Planning Commission is considering to rationalise the system of giving grants to the States; and

(c) if so when a decision in this regard will be taken ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) There is nothing inherent in the system of matching grants which should adversely affect the interests of under-developed States.