

The rules in force at present permit the return of such persons to **India. The Singapore Government is trying to give alternative employment to those who may be rendered jobless by the British withdrawal from the Singapore base. There is no reason for panic.**

People of Asian Origin in Kenya

*881. SHRI BENI SHANKER SHARMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any approach has been made to the United Nations to take appropriate steps through diplomatic channels with the concerned Governments to protect the legitimate rights of the people of Asian origin in Kenya; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

International Control Commission for Indo-China

*882. DR. RANEN SEN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Control Commission for Indo-China has investigated into the Pathet Lao complaints that U.S.A. military planes have been regularly attacking Pathet Lao held areas in Laos; and

(b) if so, the findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT):

(a) and (b). The Pathet Lao complaints regarding aerial attacks on Pathet Lao territory have been considered in Commission meetings. However, the Commission has not been able to undertake investigations due to lack of facilities to visit the areas concerned. Consequently, no conclusions have been reached and the Commission has not recorded any findings.

Political Support for Freedom of Tibet

*883. SHRI BEDABRATA BARUA:
SHRI SWELL:
SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Dalai Lama has recently appealed to Government for increased political support to Tibetans' struggle for regaining independence; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH):

(a) and (b). The Hon'ble Members are presumably referring to the reports which appeared in the press about the statement made by the Dalai Lama recently. The broad framework of Government of India's policy remains as stated in reply to part (c) of Starred Question No. 12 answered in the Lok Sabha on the 13th November, 1967.

Asians in Uganda

*884. SHRI SWELL:
SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Uganda have asked Asians holding British and Indian passports to leave the country;

(b) whether Government have taken up the matter with the Government of Uganda; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.