

Government of Iran suggested a postponement of this meeting. A meeting of officials in early May 1969 to be followed by a meeting of Ministers is in the process of being finalized. At this meeting substantive decisions on the pattern, scope and extent of cooperation in various economic, industrial and technical fields are expected to be taken. As no issues have been raised by either side requiring any decisions prior to this meeting of the Joint Commission, reports about delay or dissatisfaction are ill-founded.

**Assistance to T.V. Manufacturers
for Importing Machinery**

*1703. SHRI RAMAVTAR SHARMA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to give assistance to T. V. manufacturers in small scale sector for import of machinery like ridecon camera pattern generator, etc., and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) and b). Two consortia in the small scale sector have been approved for production of Television receiver sets with CEERI Pilani knowhow. Each of them has been authorised the import of various items of test equipment of the value of Rs. 4,77,600/-.

**Chinese Diplomats' Visit to Calcutta on the
eve of Formation of U. F. Government**

*1704. SHRI HEM BARUA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that two diplomats of the Chinese Embassy, Delhi visited Calcutta and stayed on the city for five days on the eve of the formation of the United Front Government in West Bengal ;

(d) if so, whether they obtained permission from Government of India to visit Calcutta ; and

(c) what was the purpose of their visit ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINISH SINGH) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The visit was for the purpose of attending to consular work in Calcutta.

Failure of Indian Missions Abroad

*1705. SHRI NITIRAJ SINGH CHAUDHARY : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Member of Parliament had written to him a letter quoting extracts from a letter received by him from abroad complaining about the failure of our Missions abroad ;

(b) whether any enquiry has been made in the matter ; and

(c) if so, the result thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) to (c). Letters are received from Hon'ble Members from time to time about specific aspects of functioning of our Missions abroad. Necessary enquiries are made and results usually communicated to Members.

**Indian Participation in Islamic meet held
in Malaysia**

*1706. SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that India joined the Islamic meet held in Malaysia recently ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) the gist of the inaugural speech delivered at the meet ; and

(d) the resolutions that were passed in this meet ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.