

(b) if so, whether Government have received any report in this regard either from its Embassies in Bonn or in Peking ;

(c) whether Government have taken up this question with the West German Government ; and

(d) if so, reaction of the West German Government in this regard ?

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

(c) and (d). The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany have categorically denied these reports.

Talks on Kacchathivu Island

*527. SHRI MADHU LIMAYE :
SHRI BENI SHANKER
SHARMA :
SHRI YAMUNA PRASAD
MANDAL :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have held any talks with the Government of Ceylon over Kacchathivu Island ;

(b) whether Government have succeeded in persuading Ceylon to accept the ownership of the Island by India ;

(c) whether any personnel of Ceylon have landed on the Island during the last 10 months ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) and (b). Since the Ceylon Prime Minister's visit to India in November/December, 1968, the question of Kacchathivu is being discussed between the Government of India and Government of Ceylon through diplomatic channels. Discussions are still continuing and no agreement has yet been reached. It is the view of the Governments of India that the two Governments should resolve the issue through bilateral discussions in a spirit of cooperation.

(c) and (d). Some officials of both countries visited the island during the annual festival in March 1969.

परमाणु क्षेत्र में उन्नति

*528. श्री महाराज सिंह भारती : क्या प्रधान मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय परमाणु शक्ति अभिकरण (इन्टरनेशनल एटॉमिक एनर्जी एजेंसी) 1970 तक एक आयोग की स्थापना करेगा जो विश्व में परमाणु शक्ति के विकास के बारे में उपलब्ध पत्रों का अध्ययन करेगा और फिर विकासशील देशों को आवश्यक जानकारी प्रदान करने हेतु उन्हें प्रकाशित करेगा ताकि अनुसंधान के क्षेत्र में उनका परिश्रम बच सके ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो क्या यह जानकारी प्राप्त करने का हक भारत को भी होगा ; और

(ग) क्या पेटेंट अनुसंधान की नकल करने की अनुमति प्राप्त होगी ?

प्रधान मन्त्री, वित्त मन्त्री, अणु शक्ति मंत्री तथा योजना मंत्री (श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी) :

(क) अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय परमाणु ऊर्जा अभिकरण सन् 1970 तक वियाना में संगणक पर आधारित इन्टरनेशनल न्यूक्लीयर इन्फॉर्मेशन सिस्टम नामक पद्धति स्थापित करेगा ;

(ख) जी, हाँ ।

(ग) आरम्भ में पेटेंट को इन्टरनेशनल न्यूक्लीयर इन्फॉर्मेशन सिस्टम के क्षेत्र में शामिल नहीं किया जायेगा ।

Working of Cantonment Board

*529. DR. SUSHILA NAYAR : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made assessment of working of the Cantonment Boards throughout the country during the last three years ;

(b) if so, the names of Cantonment Boards, the working of which has been assessed by Government, during the above period ;

(c) the nature of the irregularities found during the above period ; and