

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI M. C. CHAGLA):

(a) The Minister for External Affairs visited Indonesia and Burma and also passed through Singapore and Thailand in January, 1967.

(b) No formal agreement was signed during the visits. A joint communique was issued at the conclusion of the visit to Indonesia.

RETURN OF F. 86 SABRE JETS BY PAKISTAN

***39. SHRI K. P. MALLIKARJUNUDU:**
SHRI BABUBHAI M. CHINAI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 39 in the Rajya Sabha on the 8th November, 1966 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the F. 86 Sabre Jets which were sent by the Government of Iran to Pakistan for servicing and repairs etc. have not yet been returned by Pakistan; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI M. C. CHAGLA):

(a) and (b) The Government of Iran had assured us earlier that the aircraft sent to Pakistan were only for repairs, servicing and modification and were to return to Iran. Subsequently, the West German Government had also informed us that except for a few aircraft under servicing in Pakistan, all the F. 86 aircraft sold to Iran for her use had already returned to Iran and that the few undergoing servicing at that time would also return to Iran.

2. Government have since come across some reports to the effect that these aircraft have come back to Pakistan. We have no confirmation of these reports so far.

TRADE WITH AFGHANISTAN

***40. SHRI ARJUN ARORA:** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether his talks with the Foreign Minister of Afghanistan have resulted in evolving a formula for removal of transit difficulties which stand in the way of expanding trade with Afghanistan?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI M. C. CHAGLA): During the recent visit of the Foreign Minister of Afghanistan, the question of removal of restrictions imposed by Pakistan on the over-land transit trade between India and Afghanistan was discussed, but it is clear that no progress can be made in this matter without Pakistan's cooperation. As yet there is no sign of Pakistan's desire to cooperate in this matter.

BAN ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS

***41. SHRI BABUBHAI M. CHINAI:** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether Government have recently taken any steps in the United Nations towards a total ban on the use of nuclear weapons and destruction of stockpile of nuclear weapons?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI M. C. CHAGLA):

One of the items on the Agenda of the XXI Session of the United Nations General Assembly was the "Question of convening a conference for the purpose of signing a convention on the prohibition of use of nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons". By a Resolution which was co-sponsored by Ethiopia, Nigeria, U.A.R., Yugoslavia, and India, the General Assembly asked the forthcoming World Disarmament Conference to give serious consideration to the question of signing such a convention, in the belief that such a step "would greatly facilitate negotiations on general and complete disarmament under effective international control and give further impetus to the urgent problem of nuclear disarmament." The General

Assembly did not have on its agenda last year any item specifically and solely concerned with the destruction of stockpiles of nuclear weapons.

INDIANS IN TANZANIA

*42. SHRI JAIRAMDAS DAULATRAM:

SHRI A. D. MANI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about a hundred small traders of Indian origin have been served with deportation orders by the Government of Tanzania but are not being allowed by the Government of India to enter India on the ground that they hold British passports and are not being allowed by the British Government to enter Britain owing to control on immigration of Indians into Britain; and

(b) if so, whether any representation was made to the Indian High Commissioner in Tanzania by the Indians in this connection?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI M. C. CHAGLA):

(a) (1) In January this year, a number of Asian and Arab small traders and others were issued with notices of expulsion and given two months in which to wind up their affairs and leave Tanzania. The Tanzanian Government stated that these notices were being served on persons who were living and working in the country illegally and without valid work permits.

(2) In line with our declared policy, we informed the Tanzanian Government through our High Commission in Dar-es-Salaam that the Government of India would not accept into this country any non-Indian citizens who may be forcibly deported to India. There is, however, no bar against entry into India of any person of Indian origin (including those holding British passports) who wishes to come to this country of his own volition. Several of the affected

persons in Tanzania have, in fact, already come to India. Those who come for permanent settlement are accorded certain customs concessions.

(3) With regard to entry into the U.K., our understanding is that all holders of British Citizen passports are entitled freely to enter U.K. at any time. Those holding British Subject passports are not freely admitted into the U.K. and need to go through the Immigration procedure prescribed for non-citizens.

(b) We are not aware of any specific representation made in this matter to our High Commissioner in Tanzania. There has, however, been a large number of enquiries from affected persons and those have been satisfactorily dealt with by our Mission.

KHAN ABDUL GAFFAR KHAN'S VISIT TO INDIA

*43. SHRIMATI TARA RAMCHANDRA SATHE:
SARDAR RAM SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently extended any invitation to Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan, now in Afghanistan, to visit India;

(b) if so, what has been his response; and

(c) whether any private or social organisation in the country has approached Government to arrange for the Khan's visit to this country?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI M. C. CHAGLA):

(a) and (b) An invitation was extended to Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan in January, 1965 to visit India at any time convenient to him. He indicated his desire to come to India at a suitable date.

(b) Yes, Sir.