

Treatment to People of Indian Origin in South Africa

*470. **Shri Hem Barua:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has asked that the question of the treatment meted out to people of Indian origin in South Africa should be inscribed in the agenda of the forthcoming Session of the UN General Assembly; and

(b) if so, with what result?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): (a) and (b). The question of treatment to people of Indian origin in South Africa has been under discussion in the United Nations for a number of years. Last year the General Assembly asked the parties to open talks with a view to finding a solution to this problem. India and Pakistan suggested to South Africa that talks should be opened in pursuance of this resolution. However, there was no response from South Africa. These facts have been reported to the United Nations and India and Pakistan have suggested discussion of this subject in the forthcoming session of the United Nations Assembly. The item has been included in the provisional agenda which will come up for confirmation after the General Assembly has begun its work.

Janata Hotel in Delhi

*471. { **Shri S. A. Mehdi:**
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Ramakrishna Reddy:
Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shrimati Ila Palchowdhuri:

Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to construct a Janata Hotel in Delhi; and

(b) if so, what is its estimated cost and when the Construction Work will be completed?

The Deputy Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri Anil K. Chanda): (a) and (b). A proposal to construct Janata Hotel is being processed. As the details have not yet been finalised, it is not possible to indicate now when the project will be completed and at what cost.

Exports and Imports

*472. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri Bishwanath Roy:
Shri Jhulan Sinha:
Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri Jaipal Singh:
Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:
Shri Hem Barua:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) the import and export trade position of India since 1st January, 1959;

(b) the total value of exports and imports made during this period;

(c) whether there is any shortfall in the value of exports during this period; and

(d) if so, which of the commodities are mainly responsible for the shortfall?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra):

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House

STATEMENT

Statistics of import and export trade are available upto May, 1959. The total value of imports and exports in January—June, 1959 was as follows:—

	Rs. in lakhs
Value of imports	41,862
Value of exports	26,586