

are aware that a fire broke out in Mecca in 1958. There is no report of any fire in Mecca in 1959.

(b) About 150 Indian pilgrims lost their belongings partially or wholly in the fire in 1958. All possible assistance including financial was rendered by our Embassy.

South-West Africa

*495. { Shri Shree Narayan Das:
Shri Radha Ramani:
Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri P. K. Deo:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the serious disturbances and casualties having taken place in the mandated Territory of South-West Africa by the forced wholesale deportation of Africans to special reserves, the action being contrary to the U.N. Charter and Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

(b) if so, whether Government have done anything in this regard through the agency of the Trusteeship Council or through the agency of any other U.N. Organisation; and

(c) if so, the precise nature of steps taken?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon):

(a) We have seen press reports to this effect.

(b) and (c). When the matter was brought before the Fourth Committee of the General Assembly, the representative of India supported the request of the petitioners that they should be heard, and expressed the hope that the appeals made by the petitioners would be communicated to the Secretary-General.

Financial Assistance to Small Scale Industries

*496. Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India have taken any decision to give finan-

cial assistance in the form of Equity Capital to Small Scale Industrialists; and

(b) if so, what is the nature of the scheme finalised in this connection?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). The recommendations of the Sub-Committee of the Small Scale Industries Board on this matter are awaited.

चीनियों द्वारा सुरंगें बिछाना

*४९७. श्री वाजपेयी : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान पत्रों में प्रकाशित इन समाचारों की ओर गया है कि चीनी सेना की टुकड़ियों ने भारतीय सीमा के दूसरी ओर विशेषतः छलमोड़ा और गढ़बान जिलों में मिलने वाली सीमा के समीप सुरंगें बिछा दी हैं; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इस विषय में क्या किया है ?

बैदेशिक-कार्य उपमंत्री (श्रीमती लक्ष्मी मेनन) : (क) और (ख) हमारी सूचना के अनुसार, उस इलाके में कोई सुरंगें नहीं बिछाई गई हैं ।

Public Display of Lord Curzon's Collections

*498. Shri C. K. Bhattacharya: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a public display at Kedleston Hall, England, of collections taken from India by Lord Curzon; and

(b) whether an effort will be made to find out whether any of these collections could be brought back to India?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) The items displayed at Kedleston Hall include a few items of Indian origin purchased by or presented to Lord Curzon.

(b) The collection is private property and the return of the items of