

Press Reports in 'PRAVDA'

138. { Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri Hem Barua:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the press reports appearing in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 9th January, 1965 captioned "Pravda attack on monopolies in India"; and

(b) if so, the Government's reaction thereto?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of India is aware of the publication of the article in "PRAVDA" criticising monopolies in India.

(b) This matter was taken up with the Soviet Government through the respective Embassies in Delhi and at Moscow. The Soviet Government have informed us that the views expressed in the "Pravda" article do not reflect those of their Government.

पुर्तगाली उपनिवेश

137. श्री मधु लिमये : क्या बंबई-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या अफ्रीका में पुर्तगाली उपनिवेशों के लोगों को उन के स्वाधीनता संघर्ष में सक्रिय सहयोग देने के लिए सरकार का अफ्रीकी-एशियाई देशों का कोई विशेष सम्मेलन बुलाने का विचार है?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri Swaran Singh): The Government of India have always been opposed to colonialism and have always raised their voice in support of the valiant struggle by the people against the Portuguese colonial rule. This matter was discussed in the last Non-aligned Conference at Cairo where India supported the struggle of the people and this support will continue during the forthcoming Afro-

Asian Conference to be held at Algiers.

Independence for British Colonies

138. Shri Madhu Limaye: Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government do not consider it expedient to urge upon the British Government immediately to give Independence and establish democratic set up in British colonies like Mauritius, Guiana, Fiji keeping in view the large population of persons of Indian origin settled there;

(b) whether other Commonwealth countries have been apprised of this problem; and

(c) whether any memorandum in this connection has recently been sent to the British Government by the Indian High Commission in Britain?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) and (b). The Government of India have repeatedly expressed their views, in the U.N. and elsewhere, in favour of the grant of independence, without delay, to the people in British colonies like Mauritius, Guiana, Fiji etc. All countries including the United Kingdom and other Commonwealth countries are fully aware of India's views. The Government of India do not, therefore, consider it necessary to address any special memorandum to the U.K. Government in this matter.

(c) No, Sir.

मद्रास में जापान का वाणिज्य दूतावास

139. { श्री श्रीकार लाल बेरवा :
श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय :

क्या बंबई-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि जापान सरकार का मद्रास में एक नया वाणिज्य