

India-Japan Consultative Meeting

2807. SHRI D. N. PATODIA :
 SHRI VALMIKI
 CHOUDHARY :
 SHRI P. C. ADICHAN :
 SHRI MAHANT
 DIGVIJAINATH :
 SHRI DEVEN SEN :
 SHRI P. N. SOLANKI :
 SHRI D. R. PARMAR :
 SHRI ONKAR LAL
 BERWA :
 SHRI KIKAR SINGH :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the fourth consultative meeting between India and Japan was held recently ;

(b) if so, the points discussed thereat ; and

(c) the decision taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir ; from the 3rd to the 5th February, 1969.

(b) Bilateral relations between India and Japan, current situation in Asia, issues at the United Nations and international question of interest to both countries.

(c) These consultative meetings, are for exchange of views and for understanding of each other's point of view.

Countries Willing to Accept Indians Evicted from African Countries

2808. SHRI D. N. PATODIA :
 SHRI N. K. SANGHI :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the nations of the world have indicated their inclination to accommodate Indians who are likely to be thrown out of the African countries ;

(b) if so, the names of the countries and nature of this proposal ; and

(c) whether the Government of India have entered into negotiations with these countries on the subject and if so, the number of Indians that are likely to be getting in the different countries ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DENESH SINGH) :

(a) No indication has so far been received officially from any State specially in respect of persons of India origin likely to be forced to leave certain African countries. However, immigrants are still admitted into various countries under varying conditions prescribed by the Governments concerned.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Exchange of Films with Pakistan

2809. SHRI D. N. PATODIA ;
 SHRI SRADHAKAR
 SUPAKAR :
 SHRIMATI TARA SUPRE :
 SHRI BIBHUTI MISHKA :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that negotiations have once again been started between India and Pakistan for the exchange of films between the two countries which remain suspended at present ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Motion Pictures Producers' Association has already covered some ground in the matter and some favourable reactions have been received ; and

(c) if so, when the exchange of films will commence and to what extent it will contribute towards earning of foreign exchange ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) No, Sir. No negotiation at the official level have taken place.

(b) and (c). According to reports appearing in the Press, the President of the Indian Motion Picture Producers Association, is stated to have proposed to the Chairman of the Pakistan Film Producers Association for resumption of talks on the Indo-Pak film trade. Despite the fact that India has unilaterally removed ban on exports to and import from Pakistan, trade exchanges between the two countries have not resumed, because Pakistan has not reciprocated by removal of its restrictions on trade with India.