

**Indian Diplomat Maltreated in
Hong Kong**

480. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR
SHAH :
SHRI GADILINGANA GOWD:
SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO :
SHRI SHRI CHAND GOYAL :
SHRI CHENGALRAYA
NAIDU :
SHRI MADHU LIMAYE :
SHRI ARJUN SINGH
BHADORIA :
SHRI R. BARUA :
SHRI MAYAVAN :
SHRI SITA RAM KESRI :
SHRI N. R. LASKAR :
SHRI RAM AVTAR SHARMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in early September this year an Indian diplomat was picked up as a suspected pick pocket in Hong Kong, was stripped of his trousers at a police station and was later on found innocent ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Hong Kong Government have refused to apologise for the incident on the ground that the police have a duty to investigate every alleged crime ; and

(c) whether Government have taken note of the matter as it violates the principle of diplomatic immunity and taken necessary steps to prevent humiliation to our diplomats in future and if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) and (b). Shri L. T. Pudai, a Third Secretary in the Indian Commission in Hong Kong was taken to a police station on totally unfounded charges of pick-pocketing and subjected to a search due to mistaken identity and language difficulties.

(c) The matter was taken up with the British authorities who have acknowledged that Shri Pudai was not treated in accordance with the courtesies due to him on account of his status and have expressed their regret at the incident.

**Indian Technical Experts Beaten up
in Nepal**

481. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SHAH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that four Indian Technical Experts in Nepal were beaten up in early September this year, near Itahari when they had gone there for some purchases ;

(b) if so, the details of the incident ; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to avoid such incidents in future to ensure the safety of Indian technical personnel sent on duty to Nepal ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) and (b). On 8th September 1969 when four members of the staff stationed at Itahari camp on the East-West Highway, Eastern Sector, were returning to camp in the evening from Itahari Bazar after making some purchases, they were abused and two of them were manhandled by some local rowdy elements.

(c) The matter was immediately taken up by the Indian Ambassador in Kathmandu and the Director, Indian Cooperation Mission with his Majesty's Government of Nepal. The attention of the Royal Nepalese Embassy in New Delhi was also drawn to the incident. We have been assured by HMG that instructions have since been issued to their local authorities to afford all possible protection and necessary police help so that Indian personnel employed on the Project are not harassed in the future.

Capture of China-Trained Nagas

482. SHRI SITARAM KESRI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that inspite of Government's security measures, a large number of underground Nagas found their way into China for training in Guerilla warfare and procuring arms ;

(b) the number of Nagas who managed their way into China ;

(c) whether Government have been able to capture all the Nagas on their return from China after training ; and

(d) if so, the steps which Government