

habi, South Yemen, Ethiopia, Sudan, Oman and Maldivo Islands. In addition, one ship also visiting Hong Kong.

**Raising of Bangla Dosh Issue in U.N.O.
by Canada**

*1376. SHRI PRABHUDAS PATEL : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Canada has decided to raise the Bangla Dosh issue at the United Nations ; and

(b) if so, whether India has agreed to this proposal ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SWARAN SINGH) : (a) Government are not aware of any decision by the Government of Canada to raise the Bangla Dosh question at the United Nations.

(b) Does not arise.

International Council of Social Welfare's Sympathy for Bangla Dosh Refugees

*1377. SHRI M. M. HASHIM : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the International Council of Social Welfare has expressed shock and anguish on the plight of East Bengal refugees and expressed its sympathy for these victims of wide-spread bloodshed ;

(b) whether the Council has extended any assistance to alleviate the situation ; and

(c) if so, the nature thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SWARAN SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir. The regional meeting of this organisation met in Singapore in June this year and issued a statement expressing shock and anguish on the plight of refugees from East Bengal.

(b) The Council has only issued an appeal to all its national committees in Asia and Western Pacific for assistance to help the victims from East Bengal.

(c) Does not arise.

Admission of Scheduled Castes to Medical Colleges in Delhi

*1378. SHRI DARBARA SINGH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to admit to MBBS classes all those Scheduled Caste candidates who secured 45 per cent and above marks in Pre-Medical examination held in Delhi ;

(b) whether any representation has been received in this respect from the Scheduled Castes organisation in Delhi ; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI UMA SHANKAR DIKSHIT) : (a) The minimum requirement for admission to Medical Colleges affiliated to Delhi University is 55 per cent marks in aggregate in English, Physics, Chemistry and Biology (50% mark in case of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes). 26 seats in Lady Hardinge Medical College and Hospital and 36 seats in Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi, are reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes candidates. In All India Institute of Medical Sciences, 10 seats (7 for Scheduled Castes and 3 for Scheduled Tribes) are reserved. The candidates are allowed to appear in the entrance examination only if they have obtained 50 per cent marks.

(b) Yes, Sir. A representation has been received in this regard from the Scheduled Caste Social Welfare Organisation of India, New Delhi.

(c) This matter had been previously also taken up by Government ; but in this context, it is the affiliating University which is the ultimate authority.

Payment of Bonus to Employees of Assam Oil Company, Digboi

*1380. SHRI BISWANARAYAN SHASTRI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Assam Oil Company, Digboi, has not been paying adequate bonus