

<of the Bombay High Court judgement with regard to the Indira Prastishthan Trust and other trusts headed by the former Chief Minister of Maharashtra^ Shri A. R. Antulay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SAWAISINGH SISODIA): It is presumed that the judgement referred to is that of the Bombay High Court, delivered on 12-1-1982. As the judgement does 'not relate to the conduct of persons primarily responsible to or under the control <of the Government of India, any question of the Central Government taking any action in the matter does not arise.

Full Neutralisation of Cost of Living

1767. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the steps taken by Government for full neutralisation of the rise in cost of living in respect of Central Government employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SAWAISINGH SISODIA): The Dearness Allowance scheme recommended by the Third Pay Commission, as modified by the Government from time to time, provides for neutralisation of the rise in the cost of living of the Central Government employees. Under this scheme, employees upto pay level of Rs. 400 receive 100% neutralisation for rise in the 12-monthly average index and employees at pay level above Rs. 400 and upto Rs. 1000 receive a neutralisation of 75%. In March 1979, Government also introduced a scheme of ad hoc dearness allowance for senior officers who had not been compensated for rise in prices upto that time. So far four instalments of Rs. 150/- each have been sanctioned to them. Government have on 15-3-1982 announced sanction of two more instalments of ad hoc dearness allowance at the above

rate with effect from 1-8-1981 and 1-1-1982 respectively for senior officers. Government have also decided to suitably enhance, as a one-time measure, with effect from 1-1-1982, the amount of additional/ ad hoc dearness allowance to officers getting pay of Rs. 1600 and above upto Rs. 2750 so as to give them about the same percentage of neutralisation as is available at present to officers getting pay of Rs. 1500 per month. The percentage of neutralisation will however be less for officers getting pay above Rs. 2750 p.m.

Resources of the IDBI.

1768>SHRI ARVIND GANESH KULKARNI: SHRIMATI AZIZA IMAM:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that value of the Rupee and the Foreign Exchange resources with the IDBI have depleted and that the IDBI had adopted a policy to raise loans in the Gulf and other countries abroad at higher rate of interest; and

(b) whether Government have assessed the impact of such a policy on the investment in India to create infra-structure and core sector products due to high cost?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) The resources requirements of IDBI are generally met from internal question of funds supplemented by market borrowings in India, borrowings from the Reserve Bank of India and Budgetary support from Government of India. The resources requirements of IDBI during the current financial year are also expected to be largely met from these sources. In order to further augment the resources of IDBI, Government have approved, in principle, to allow, IDBI to raise

foreign currency funds to the extent of Rs. 100 crores per annum.

(b) The projects to be covered by finance from foreign borrowings would be carefully selected by the IDBI so as to ensure that their profitability and foreign exchange earnings/saving capacity would be adequate to absorb the higher cost.

स्टेनलेस स्टील के डिब्बों में पाम आयल के आयात करने से सम्बंधित व्यापारियों को गिरफ्तारी

1769. श्री हुनमदेव नारायण यादव : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री 22 दिसम्बर, 1981 को राज्य सभा में अंतरासक्त प्रश्न 2672 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उस उत्तर में बताये गये व्यापारी के अतिरिक्त कुछ अन्य व्यापारी भी उसी अवधि में गिरफ्तार किये गये थे और यदि हाँ, तो कब और कहाँ पर वे लोग गिरफ्तार किये गये थे और उनसे कितने मूल्य का माल पकड़ा गया; और

(ख) उनकी गिरफ्तारी के बाद उनके माल को छोड़ दिये जाने के क्या कारण थे और यह माल कहाँ से आयात किया गया था ?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में उपसंत्री (श्री पी० ए० संगमा) : (क) स्टेनलेस स्टील के डिब्बों में आर० बी० डी० पाम आयल के आयात के सम्बंध में उल्लिखित अवधि के दौरान किसी भी व्यापारी को गिरफ्तार नहीं किया गया ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Release of foreign exchange to private firms

1770. SHRI U. R. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the Chief Executives and Directors of /private firms to whom foreign exchange worth Rs. 10 lakhs and above were released for visiting foreign countries and the amount released for each for the last two years;

(b) what is the purpose for which such huge amounts of foreign exchange were released; and

(c) whether all the necessary formalities were followed or some exceptions were made in any of these cases?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Acquiring of foreign know-how for manufacturing modern sophisticated Ships

1771. SHRI U. R. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE, be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that India is likely to acquire foreign know-how for manufacturing modern sophisticated ships for guarding the coasts;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) the names of the countries, Government have contacted for acquiring technical know-how and their terms and conditions?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) For augmenting the force levels of Coast Guard, it has been decided to import four Fast Patrol Boats from a foreign shipyard and also obtain from this Shipyard, complete know-how of manufacturing of such boats indigenously. Shipyards from a number of countries including the UK, Italy, West Germany, Belgium, Holland, France, USA, Japan, South Korea and Singapore offered to supply Patrol Boats to meet our specifications. After technical axisL