

graphic films which were purchased unauthorisedly.

2. 3 Fixed Deposit Receipts worth Rs. 10,000/-, Rs. 6,400/- and Rs. 10,000/- in the names of the officer and members of his family.

3. Cash amounting to Rs. 12,240/-.

4. Approximate 375 gms. of gold jewellery.

5. 211 Film rolls.

6. 13 1/4 bottles of liquor.

Declaration of Hospital Service as an Essential Service

*292. SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to declare the hospital services as essential services;

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

(c) by when a final decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND):

(a) to (c) This Ministry has no proposal at present to declare hospital services as essential services.

Normalisation of Relations with Pakistan

*293. SHRIMATI HAMIDA HABIBULLAH:

SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken to normalise relations with Pakistan; and

(b) what progress has been made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) In line with our

policy of working to normalize relations with Pakistan, the Government has undertaken dialogues at the highest level with the Government of Pakistan. We took the initiative of sending Sardar Swaran Singh, Special Emissary of the Prime Minister, and Shri R. D. Sathe, Foreign Secretary, to Pakistan in an attempt to give further impetus to the process of normalization of relations. Informal discussions were also held in Salisbury between the Prime Minister and Gen. Zia-ul-Haq, the President of Pakistan.

Jobs for Calcutta Seamen

*294. SHRI SYED SHAHEDULLAH:
SHRI KALYAN ROY:
SHRI V. GOPALASWAMY:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 314 given in the Rajya Sabha, on the 8th May, 1974 and state:

(a) what progress has been made in allotting more jobs to Calcutta seamen and achieve the 70:30 ratio between Bombay and Calcutta as per the decision taken at the meeting held under the chairmanship of Director General of Shipping on the 27th March, 1973;

(b) what is the number of seamen recruited from various ports from the year 1976 to June, 1980, year-wise and port-wise;

(c) what are the grounds of the declining recruitment from Calcutta; and

(d) what specific steps Government have taken or propose to take to make more recruitment from Calcutta?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT AND TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) The ratio of Seamen's jobs between Bombay and Calcutta prior to