

(b) if so; what steps Government of India propose to take to cope with the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI CHAND RAM); (a) and. (b) The reported intention of certain countries to ply specialized vessels in India's overseas trade routes has been brought to the notice of Government. At present, shipping industry all over the world is facing a crisis, but a constant watch is kept to safeguard the interests of Indian Shipping, keeping in view the import-export trade of the country, availability of tonnage, skippers' choice etc. and appropriate action is taken, wherever necessary.

प्रधान मंत्री के अधीन विभागों से हिन्दी के काम-काज के लिए पद बनाने के प्रस्ताव

639. श्री लडली मोहन निगम : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 30 सितम्बर, 1978 को समाप्त होने वाली तिमाही में उनके नियंत्रणाधीन विभागों द्वारा भेजे गये काम-काज को हिन्दी में करने के लिए पद सृजित करने के प्रस्तावों की संख्या क्या है ;

(ख) क्या ये सभी प्रस्ताव उनके कार्यालय ने उनके विचारार्थ प्रस्तुत कर दिये हैं; यदि नहीं, तो उन प्रस्तावों को उनके पास प्रस्तुत करने में विलम्ब के क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) क्या वह यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिए कोई कदम उठाने का विचार रखते हैं कि भविष्य में ऐसा विलम्ब न हो ?

([Proposals for posts for Hindi work from Departments under the Prime Minister

C39. SHRI LADLI MOHAN NIGAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of proposals for the creation of posts connected with the transaction of work in Hindi sent to his office by the departments under his control during the quarter ending the 30th September, 1978;

(b) whether all these proposals have been submitted by his office for his consideration; if not, what are the reasons for the delay in submitting these proposals to him; and

(c) whether he proposes to take any steps to ensure that such delays are avoided in future?

प्रधान मंत्री (श्री मोरारजी देसाई) :

(क) एक ।

(ख) जी, हाँ ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

i[THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI); (a) One.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.]

Population living below poverty line

fi40. SHRIMATI LEELA DAMODARA MENON: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the percentage of rural and urban population separately living below the poverty line during 1977-78?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI); During 1977-78 47.85 percent of the rural and 40.71 per cent of the urban population are estimated to have been living below the poverty line as defined in the Draft Plan (1978-83).

rl] English translation.