

Amount Deposited under C.D.S.

1044. SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the amount of total deposits under the Compulsory Deposit Scheme and the amount of deposited money refunded after the scrapping of the Additional Emoluments (Compulsory Deposit) Act, 1974?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ZULFIQARULLAH): According to the report received from the Reserve Bank of India, the gross amount of deposits made by employees under the Additional Emoluments (Compulsory Deposit) Act, 1974 as on 25th November, 1977 was Rs. 1878.04 crores. Of this amount Rs. 287.02 crores had been repaid to the employees upto 6th May, 1977, the date from which compulsory deductions on account of additional dearness allowance were discontinued. A further amount of Rs. 221.95 crores was subsequently repaid to the employees upto 25th November, 1977.

Export of crockery

1045. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian crockery is quite popular in some foreign countries;

(b) if so, what are the names of the countries to which Indian crockery is being exported; and

(c) what is the amount of foreign exchange likely to be earned through such exports during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI ARIF BEG): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Iraq, Dubai, France, Kuwait, Nepal, Malawi and USA.

(c) During April to November of this financial year, crockery worth Rs. 50 lakhs has been exported. In addition there are orders worth Rs. 103 lakhs with the exporters.

Gherao of Hoarders to check High Prices

1046. SHRI F. M. KHAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the 'Indian Express' of the 24th September, 1977 in which he is reported to have asked the people, while addressing a seminar on 'high prices', to gherao the hoarders and

(b) if so, whether the role of the police and other wings of the public administration is not considered effective to deal with the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR GOYAL) : (a) It has been incorrectly reported that the Minister for Commerce, Civil Supplies and Cooperation had asked people to gherao the hoarders. While addressing the seminar, he had stated that the involvement of the public at large is essential in maintaining the price line and in bringing about a discipline amongst the trading community. Whatever be the efforts undertaken by the Government, they would always be inadequate if they are not supplemented by the support of the general public and the social institutions. As an example, he had mentioned that in respect of commodities for which prices have been fixed or where Government orders require display of stock position and rates, the consumers' resistance either in terms of peaceful protest or social

boycott of any trader not complying with Government regulations or indulging in anti-social activities would go a long way in preventing malpractices.

(b) The State Governments have been advised to take action against hoarders, blackmarketeers and other anti-social elements in terms of the powers available with them under the Essential Commodities Act and the Orders framed thereunder. The State Governments, who are the executing agency, take appropriate action as is necessary.

हिन्दी टाइपराइटर

1047. डा० लोकेश चन्द्र : क्या वाणिज्य, तथा नागरिक पूर्ति और सहकारिता मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में हिन्दी के उत्तरोत्तर प्रयोग के लिए कितने टाइपराइटरों की आवश्यकता है;

(ख) इस समय मंत्रालय में कितने हिन्दी टाइपराइटर हैं; और

(ग) शेष टाइपराइटरों को कब तक प्राप्त कर लिए जाने की सम्भावना है ?

†[Hindi Typewriter

1047. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Hindi typewriters required for the progressive use of Hindi in the Ministry of Commerce,

(b) the number of existing Hindi typewriters in the Ministry, and

(c) by when the remaining typewriters will be procured.]

वाणिज्य तथा नागरिक पूर्ति और सहकारिता मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आरिफ बेग) : (क) वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में हिन्दी के उत्तरोत्तर प्रयोग के लिए चालू वर्ष के अन्त में अपेक्षित हिन्दी टाइपराइटरों की संख्या 20 आंकी गई है ।

(ख) बारह ।

(ग) शेष 8 टाइपराइटर जनवरी 1978 में प्राप्त किये जाने की आशा है ।

†[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI ARIF BEG) : (a) The number of Hindi typewriters required at the end of the current financial year for the progressive use of Hindi in the Ministry has been assessed as 20.

(b) Twelve.

(c) The remaining 8 typewriters are expected to be procured in January, 1978.]

Proposal from U.P. Government to Purchase an Aircraft

1048. SHRI HARSH DEO
MALAVIYA :
SHRI NRIPATI RANJAN
CHOUDHURY :
SHRI HIMMAT SINH :

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state whether the Uttar Pradesh Government has submitted any proposal to send one of its pilots to the United States of America to purchase a new aircraft for the State Government from the Beachcraft Company at a cost of Rs. 56 lakhs for Central Government's approval ?