

Statement

List of retired Government Officers who have been appointed Head of Missions.

Name of Ambassador/High Commissioner	Country	Date of appointment at the station	Remarks
1. Gen. G. G. Bewoor	Denmark	9-2-76	Ex-Chief of Army Staff.
2. Shri Chhedi Lall	Panama	5-10-76	Retired IAS.
3. Shri M.A. Qurashi	Saudi Arabia	25-4-76	Retired ICS.
4. Shri S. Sen	(a) Permanent Rep. of India to UN.	28-1-69	Retired ICS/IFS and re-employed.
	(b) Bangladesh	10-7-74	
	(c) Sweden	13-12-76	
5. Shri R. Jaipal	Permanent Rep. of India to UN.	7-11-74	Retired IFS and re-employed.

Ties with West Asian Countries

1214. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASH-MI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether any efforts have recently been made to further strengthen economic and political relations with the West Asian Countries; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S. KUNDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government attaches the highest importance to consolidating, expanding and diversifying India's political and economic relations with West Asian countries. The Union Minister of Works and Housing and Supply and Rehabilitation, and the Union Minister of Industry, have visited various countries in this region during the last three months as the Prime Minister's Special Emissaries. These visits gave a new impetus to our political and economic relations with these countries.

The Sixth Session of the Indo-Iranian Joint Commission met in New Delhi in September, 1977. The 3rd Session of the Indo-Iraq Joint Commission was held in Baghdad in June, 1977, and the 4th Session in New Delhi in November this year. As a result of these meetings new areas of cooperation and exchanges between India and Iran and India and Iraq have been identified which will lead to a further strengthening of our tie.

The annual Haj Delegation led by Shri Arif Beg, Minister of State for Commerce, Civil Supplies and Cooperation, visited Saudi Arabia in November, 1977.

Industrial Unrest in the Country

1215. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASH-MI: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is widespread industrial unrest in the country;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for such unrest; and

(c) what action Govt. have taken to maintain industrial peace?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR. (SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA): (a) and (b) Statement showing the number of disputes, workers involved and mandays lost by causes for the period April to Oct., 1977 is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) The situation is under constant watch of the Govt. and all efforts are being made to improve the industrial climate in the country with the help

of the Industrial Relations Machinery both at the Centre and in the States. Wherever necessary, the Govt. is intervening in disputes with a view to promoting settlements.

The Govt. is also engaged in a comprehensive revision of the Industrial Relations law, so that the Machinery, that exists for settlement of disputes, like conciliation, adjudication, arbitration, etc. may be streamlined to ensure quick settlement of disputes so that there may be less cause for industrial unrest.'

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Number of disputes, workers involved and mandays lost by major causes for the period April to October, 1977(P).

Cause	No. of disputes	No. of workers involved	Mandays lost
1. Wages and Allowances	485	377,064	2,893,045
2. Bonus	189	189,115	1,303,359
3. Personnel	327	113,229	960,618
4. Retrenchment	35	5,452	128,786
5. Leave and hours of work	25	11,173	184,779
6. Indiscipline and Violence	126	85,246	1,821,210
7. Others	313	223,934	1,472,975
8. Not known	62	48,637	296,188
TOTAL	1,562	1,053,700	9,060,960

(P) : Provisional and based on the returns/information received in the Labour Bureau. Simla till 9th December, 1977.

N.B.— The State authorities from whom returns for the period April to October, 1977 are still awaited may be seen from the similar returns for the month of November, 1977 have not yet become due.

Annexure

Position of non-receipt of returns from April to October, 1977

State Labour Departments	As on 9th December, 1977 for the months of
Andhra Pradesh	September and October, 1977
Assam	July to October, 1977
Gujarat	October, 1977

State Labour Department	As on 9th December 1977 for the month of
Haryana	October, 1977
Himachal Pradesh	August to October, 1977
Jammu and Kashmir	September and October, 1977
Kerala	October, 1977
Maharashtra	July to October, 1977
Manipur	June to October, 1977
Nagaland	August to October 1977
Orissa	October, 1977
Punjab	August and October, 1977
Sikkim	June to October, 1977
Tamil Nadu	August and October, 1977
West Bengal	August, September and October, 1977
A. and N. Islands	August to October, 1977
Chandigarh	July to October, 1977
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	October, 1977
Lakshadweep	September and October, 1977
Pondicherry	October, 1977
<i>Regional Labour Commissioners</i>	
Dhanbad	October, 1977
Madras	Do.

Schemes for providing employment to the educated unemployed

1216. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASH. MI: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR be pleased to state;

(a) what are the schemes which Government have undertaken to solve the problem of educated unemployment in the country; and

(b) what is the number of educated unemployed likely to be covered during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR (SHRI RAVTNDRA VARMA): (a) and (b) Employment opportunities to the educated unemployed are expected to be provided through the implementation of Plan programmes in different sectors, such as, agriculture, irrigation, major, medium and small scale industries etc. during the cur-

rent financial year. Precise estimates of the educated unemployed who are expected to be provided employment during the current financial year, are, however, not available.

Production of Steel by Steel plants

1217. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASH-MI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the output of steel in terms of saleable products value and capacity-utilisation in respect of each steel plant during the year 1976-77 and in the first six months of 1977-78;

(b) the quantity and value of steel exported during 1976-77 and from April to September, 1977, country-wise; and

(c) the domestic consumption of steel during 1976-77 and in the first six months of 1977-78 in terms of quantity and value?