

(घ) यदि हां, तो कितने अधिकारी अक्षम पाए गए तथा वे कहाँ-कहाँ लगे हुए थे ?

[Expenditure incurred on Cultural Departments 1907. SHRI J. P. YADAV: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred annually on the cultural departments attached to the Indian Embassies and also the details of their functioning;

(b) the work assigned to these departments and the success achieved in this regard;

(c) whether any assessment was made about the performance of the officers engaged for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the number of officers found wanting in their jobs and the place of their postings?]

शिक्षा और समाज कल्याण मंत्रालय तथा संस्कृति विभाग में उपमंत्री (श्री डी. पी. यादव) : (क) ने (घ) विदेशों में स्थित भारतीय मिशनों के साथ कोई पृथक् सांस्कृतिक विभाग सम्बद्ध नहीं है। सांस्कृतिक संबंधों का कार्य इस कार्य के लिए मिशन के प्रमुख द्वारा नामोदिष्ट किए गए अधिकारियों द्वारा ही किया जाता है। इनमें से कोई भी अधिकारी केवल सांस्कृतिक कार्य नहीं करता है।

[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAV) : (a) to (d) There are no separate Cultural Dep-
Kills aliached to Indian Missions abroad. The work of cultural relations is handled by officers designated by the Heads of Missions for the purpose. None of these officers handles cultural work exclusively.]

Ration cut in West Bengal

1308. SHRI NIREN GHOSH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there has been ration cut in West Bengal twice by reduction of 500grams of wheat per week; and

(b) whether the Central Government have reduced the quota of allotment of foodgrains of that State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHAB P. SHINDE): (a) and (b) Monthly allotments are made to the State Governments taking into account the overall stocks of foodgrains in the Central Pool, availability of foodgrains in the market and

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the needs of deficit States. The internal distribution is the responsibility of the State Governments. The quantum of foodgrains to be issued through ration/fairprice shops is fixed by the State Governments taking into consideration the stocks released by the Centre and those procured by the State Governments.

Trade handled through Cargo Service

1309. SHRI NIREN GHOSH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of India's export and import trade carried by its own cargo service;

(b) whether India has made any agreement with any country providing for the fixation of such percentage in cargo service;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI KAMLAPATI TRIPATHI): (a) During 1971-72, Indian Shipping carried about 16.3 per cent of the country's export and import trade.

(b) to (d) India has bilateral shipping services with USSR, Poland, GDR and UAR which provide for sharing of cargo on the basis of parity.

Ship Building Industry

1910. SHRI NIREN GHOSH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of material and equipment imported for the production of a ship; and

(b) whether the low production of indigenous ships is due to the high cost of production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI M. B. RANA): (a) The value of imported materials constitute on an average about 70 per cent of the total cost of materials used in the construction of a ship in Hindustan Shipyard Ltd.

(b) Yes, high cost of production is one of the factors.

Indo American Collaboration in Poultry Breeding Stocks

1311. SHRI N. R. CHOUDHURY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: