

(b) if so, the action taken by Government against the local management of Nationalised Banks for violating those instructions ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

DEVELOPMENT OF SHIVA TEMPLE IN SUNDERBANS FOR TOURISTS

583. SHRI KALI MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have rendered any financial assistance to the Government of West Bengal for developing the site of a Shiva temple, namely Jatar Deul, in Sunderbans of West Bengal as a place of tourist attraction; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

DEBT REPAYMENTS

584. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have requested various international financing/aid institutions and different foreign Governments for certain relaxations in debt repayments that fall due this year; and

(b) if so, the nature of requests made to each creditors and the reaction/attitude of each creditor thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN) : (a) The Government of India had brought to the notice of the World Bank and the Members of the Aid-India Consortium the heavy burden of debt-service payments and the consequent diminution in the resources available for development.

(b) The question of debt relief for the current year is under discussion amongst the members of the Aid-India Consortium.

PROMOTIONAL CAMPAIGN TO ATTRACT SOUTH EAST ASIAN TOURISTS TO INDIA

585. SHRI SHYAMLAL GUPTA :
SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO :

Will the Minister of TOURISM & CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a campaign was launched by Government in Singapore to attract South-East Asian tourists to India; and

(b) if so, the expenditure incurred by Government on the campaign and the results achieved ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) :

(a) The Department of Tourism launches regular advertising campaigns through Tourist Offices located at Tokyo and Singapore to promote tourism from South East Asia.

(b) Rs. 3 lakhs are spent every year for promotion and publicity in South East Asia. Out of this Rs. 1.50 lakhs are provided for advertising and allied publicity in Singapore and Malaysia. There has been a significant increase in tourist traffic from South East Asia. During 1971, 31,100 tourists came from this region as compared to 3318 tourists in 1967.

DEFENCE PRODUCTION PLANT IN BIHAR AND ORISSA

586. SHRI DHARAM CHAND JAIN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to set up a defence production plant in the backward areas of Bihar and Orissa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

ENQUIRY AGAINST ALEMBIC CHEMICAL WORKS

587. SHRI S. A. KHAJA MOHIDEEN : Will the Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received representations and complaints regarding manipulation of purchases, made through benami firms, at artificially inflated prices by the Alembic Chemical Works; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government have enquired into the affairs of this company, if so, with what result ?

THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI K. V. RAGHUNATHA REDDY) : (a) and (b) : Government has received