

विदेश मन्त्रालय में उपमन्त्री (श्री सुरेन्द्र पाल सिंह) : (क) और (ख) मित्र देशों के साथ अपने संबंधों को और घनिष्ठ बनाने के उद्देश्य से उन सभी के यहां सांस्कृतिक, आर्थिक और तकनीकी प्रतिनिधिमण्डल भेजना सरकार की नीति है जिसमें एशिया के सभी छोटे बड़े देश भी शामिल हैं।

वर्ष 1972-73 के दौरान सरकार का विचार नेपाल, सिक्किम, भूटान, बंगला देश, श्रीलंका, अफगानिस्तान, मारिशस, आवू, ढाबी, डुबई, ओमान और कुछ अन्य एशियाई देशों में अपने प्रतिनिधिमण्डल भेजने का है।

†THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) and (b) It is Government's policy to send cultural, economic and technical delegations to all friendly countries including the small and big countries in Asia with a view to developing further intimate relations with them.

During the year 1972-73, the Government proposes to send such delegations to Nepal, Sikkim, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Ceylon, Afghanistan, Mauritius, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Oman and some other Asian countries.]

EXPERT COMMITTEE ON UNEMPLOYMENT

205. DR. BHAI MAHAVIR ; Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Expert Committee on Unemployment Ins created a number of new jobs in its own organisation ;

(b) if so, how many ;

(c) the total expenditure incurred so far by the said Committee ;

(d) when the final report will be submitted ; and

(e) whether the Committee contemplates any legislation to promote job opportunities for the young educated persons and to remove under-employment in the Government Departments ?

† [] English translation.

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADIL-KAR) : (a) and (b) 97 posts including that of the Member-Secretary have been sanctioned in all by the Government for the Secretariat of the Committee. Most of the incumbents of these posts under the Committee have, however, been taken either by transfer or on deputation from other Departments and organisations of Government with the consequence that only posts at the lower level, viz., those of Lower Division Clerks, Junior Investigators, Peons, Farash, Sweeper etc. have been filled by fresh recruitment from the open market. Such posts are about 40 in number.

(c) Rs. 7,16,503 up to March, 1972.

(d) The final report is expected to be submitted by the end of October, 1972.

(e) It is too premature to say anything on these points.

NEUTRALITY OF INDIAN OCEAN

206. SARDAR AMJAD ALI :

DR. R. K. CHAKRABARTI : SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE : SHRI K. B. CHETTRI : SHRIMATI LAKSHMI KUMARI CHUNDAWAT :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any idea of holding any international convention of the littoral countries to ensure the neutrality of Indian ocean ; and

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

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) and (b) Government have not formulated such an idea or proposal ; they have, however, noted the recent escalation of the naval presence of major powers in the Indian Ocean. Government have supported the Lusaka Declaration of 1970 and the U. N. General Assembly Resolution No, 28:52 (XXVI) declaring the Indian Ocean as a zone of peace ; and are studying how this objective may best be achieved.