

(b) if so, the purpose of (he meeting and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As far as the Government is aware, the meeting was to transact the normal business of the Centre at the level of its Board of Governors. The meeting was a closed meeting and no representative of the Government of India was invited to attend. We have, therefore, no further information regarding the purpose of the meeting and the outcome thereof.

EFFECT OF SUSPENSION OF AID BY U. S. A. AND JAPAN ON IMPORT OF CAPITAL GOODS

525. SHRI M. K. MOHTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme to ensure that the licensed industries do not suffer for want of imported capital goods as a result of the suspension of aid by U. S. and Japan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN) : (a) and (b) Only the United States suspended a part of her non-project aid to India following the Indo-Pakistan war. To meet the urgent needs of industry, Government are airanging alternative sources of supply from rupee payment areas or from other available credits and where imports have necessarily to be made from the United States, free foreign exchange is being made available, to the extent possible. Every effort is being made to ensure that the implementation of projects and production in industry is not affected on account of stoppage of aid by the U. S.

नौकरियों का राशन

526. डा० भाई महावीर : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) हाल ही में जयपुर में एक महोत्सव में उन्होंने रोजगार के कम अवसरों को देखते हुए नौकरियों का राशन करने का जो प्रस्ताव

रखा था उसका ज्योरा क्या है : और

(ख) उनके मन्त्रालय में ऐसे प्रस्तावों को कार्यान्वित करने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए गये हैं ?

f [RATIONING OF JOBS

526. DR. BHAI MAHAVIR : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the proposal put across by him at a recent function at Jaipur for rationing jobs in view of lesser employment opportunities; and

(b) the steps taken to implement such proposals in his Ministry ?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री जगजीवन राम) : (क) तथा (ख) 13 अप्रैल 1972 को जयपुर में राजा रामदेव आनन्दी लाल पौद्दार स्मारक सोसाइटी के नव्वावधान में एक समारोह में भाषण करते हुए भी रक्षा मंत्री ने कहा था कि देश में रोजगार के अवसरों की कमी के कारण नौकरी के लिए उम्मीदवारों का चयन करते समय किसी साधन परीक्षा को बनाने तथा उसे लागू करने पर विचार किया जाना चाहिए, ताकि समान अहताओं के होते हुए उन उम्मीदवारों को वरीयता दी जाय जिनके परिवार अथवा अभिभावक अथवा सरक्षक अपेक्षाकृत कम साधन-सम्पन्न हैं अथवा दूसरों के समान समृद्ध नहीं हैं। स्पष्टतः, उद्देश्य ऐसे प्रस्ताव के पक्ष में उपयुक्त बातावरण उत्पन्न करना था।

[THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM) : (a) and (b) Addressing a function under the auspices of Raja Ram Dev Anandi Lal Poddar Memorial Society at Jaipur on the 13th April 1972, Raksha Mantri had stated that in view of the paucity of employment opportunities in the country, thought might be given to evolving and applying a means test in selecting candidates for employment, so that qualifications being equal, preference may be given to candidates whose families or parents for guardians are comparatively less resourceful or are not as affluent as others. Obviously, the objective was to generate the

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