

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL/गृह मन्त्रालय और कर्मिक विभाग में राज्य मन्त्री (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

COMPLAINTS REGARDING EXTRAVAGANT LIVING BY MINISTERS

768. SHRI A. D. MANI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS/गृह मन्त्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether many complaints have been received by the Prime Minister to the effect that Ministers, both at the Centre and in the States are living in an extravagant manner: and

(b) if so, whether Prime Minister has issued any circular letter to the Ministers concerned to observe austerity in their way of living ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS गृह मन्त्रालय में उपमन्त्री (SHRI F. H. MOHSIN) : (a) and (b). No complaint of the type mentioned in the question has been received by the Prime Minister nor has she issued any circular letter to the Ministers. However, on receipt of a large number of letters about extravagance at weddings, etc., the Prime Minister addressed letters in June, 1971 to the Chief Ministers of Maharashtra Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, and the leaders of Congress Party in the Legislatures of Kerala and Bihar stressing the need for avoiding pomp and show at weddings. The Prime Minister has also been stressing from time to time

the need for avoiding wasteful expenditure of all kinds.

769. [Transferred to the 9th August, 1971]

EXPORT PROMOTION SCHEMES

770. SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE/विदेश व्यापार मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Maharashtra Chief Minister, who is the Chairman of the State Board for Export Promotion has asked the Centre to define the role of the State in the country's export promotion efforts;

(b) if so, whether he has demanded a decisive say for that State in evolving policies and Assistance Schemes in regard to major products exported by them;

(c) whether he has also pointed out that in the past policies and Assistance Schemes were formulated exclusively by the Centre and such policies and schemes did not solve the Problems faced by the States; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE/विदेश व्यापार मन्त्रालय में उपमन्त्री (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) to (d). From the reports published in some of the newspapers, it appears that the Chief Minister of Maharashtra has made such a statement, but no formal communication has been received from the Chief Minister as such.

A proposal was mooted by the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade to convene a meeting of the Directors of Industries of the States to define the role to be played by States in the Export effort of country.