

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: Not to my knowledge, Sir.

SHRI M. K. MOHTA: May I ask the hon. Minister whether, pending the result of the enquiry, some preventive action would be taken by the Government to prevent other girls from going outside and a doubt being created later on that some money may have passed in their respect also? What kind of preventive action would the Government take for the future?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: Sir, I do not know what preventive action can be taken. They are Indians, they are grown-up men and women; they are free to go anywhere they like. I cannot impose travel restrictions on persons whether they are men or women, who want to go abroad. If there are any underhand methods being employed, they have to be countered. So, the preventive action is to ensure that. If anybody wants to go, he or she goes of his or her free will, and that is what we are ensuring now.

श्री मानसिंह वर्मा : खुल कर लड़कियों का व्यापार हो सकता है ।

सरदार स्वर्ण सिंह : व्यापार कौन कहता है ? व्यापार की बात से तो मैं हैरान हूँ कि आप ऐसे लपज कैसे इस्तेमाल करते हैं । कौन ऐसा मान सकता है ?

MR. CHAIRMAN: I think that question has been answered.

SHRI LOKANATH MISRA: May I know whether the travel abroad of 57 girls was not cancelled roundabout the 30th August after this debate particularly in both Houses of Parliament? And may I know what is the attitude of the Central Government towards this particular aspect of the matter, whether they are of the opinion that since this helps some of the girls in going abroad and getting jobs, why should public men shout against it? Is that what the hon. Minister said somewhere, may be in the other House, may be elsewhere? Is that the attitude of the Government that there should not be any bar to these girls being sent abroad, whether they are sold or not?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: Part of the question can be answered by those Members whom he says are shouting. We are not shouting. We are looking at this problem in a very dispassionate manner. I have already said that those girls... (*Interruptions*) I have not used the word. Your colleague has used that, with whom you are forging an alliance now. I have...

SHRI LOKANATHA MISRA: Sir, he did not understand the question at all. The basic approach of the Minister to the question that I ask...

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Sir, this is very bad. मन्त्रालय जी : आप को स्मरण होगा कि पहले भी कई बार जब उन्होंने उत्तर दिया है वे कोई न कोई अपमानजनक बात कह देते हैं । वह सीधा सा सवाल पूछ रहे हैं और यह हम पर इम्यूनिटीशन करने है, यह गलत बात है ।

SHRI LOKANATH MISRA: Sir, my question was...

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have understood your question.

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Sir, can he not speak without being offensive?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: I was saying that the general approach is in consonance with what the hon. Member says that any person wanting to go abroad of his own free will, of his own volition, should be allowed to go, and we do not object to that. It is only in those cases when allegations are made that some unconscionable means were adopted in arranging the sending of some girls that there was discussion on the floor of this House and an inquiry has been initiated. So far as the general question of the freedom of everybody to go abroad is concerned, if they are going for normal purposes, there is no objection at all. I agree with you.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

RORD BETWEEN U.S.S.R. AND PAKISTAN

*325. **SHRI RAJENDRA PRATAP SINHA:**

SHRI KRISHAN KANT:

DR. SALIG RAM:

SHRI ARJUN ARORA:

Will the Minister of **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a road connecting the Soviet Union with Karachi in Pakistan via Afghanistan has been built recently; and

(b) if so, what are its implications for India?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): (a) The completion, in recent years, of the road network in Afghanistan now makes road communication possible between the Soviet Union and Pakistan.

(b) The Government of India hopes that improved road communication facilities would encourage regional economic cooperation between the countries of the region, including India.

देश में दवा निर्माता विदेशी कम्पनियां

*326. श्री ना० कु० शेजवलकर :

श्री निरंजन वर्मा :

श्री प्रेम मनोहर :

श्री सुं:र सिंह भंडारी :

श्री लाल आडवाणी :

क्या पेट्रोल तथा रसायन और खान तथा धातु मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारत में कितनी विदेशी दवा निर्माता कम्पनियां कार्य कर रही हैं ।

(ख) गत तीन वर्षों में प्रति वर्ष उनको कितना-कितना लाभ हुआ तथा उस अवधि में उनके द्वारा रायस्टी, सर्विस चार्ज, तकनीकी ज्ञान आदि के नाम पर विदेशों को कितनी राशि भेजी गई ; और

(ग) उन कम्पनियों के नाम क्या हैं जिन्होंने उनके द्वारा किये गये पूँजी निवेश से अधिक लाभ अर्जित कर लिया है ?

†[FOREIGN DRUG MANUFACTURING COMPANIES IN THE COUNTRY

*326. SHRI N. K. SHEJWALKAR :

SHRI NIRANJAN VARMA :

SHRI PREM MANOHAR :

SHRI SUNDAR SINGH

SHANDARI :

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of foreign drug manufacturing companies functioning in India;

(b) the amount of profit earned by each of them during the last three years, year-wise and also the amount of money remitted by them to foreign countries during that period on account of royalty, service charges, technical know-how etc.; and

(c) the names of the companies which have earned profits more than the investment made by them?]

पेट्रोल तथा रसायन और खान तथा धातु मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री डी० आर० चव्हाण) :

(क) ऐसा लगता है कि माननीय सदस्यों का आशय औषधियों का निर्माण करने वाली उन कम्पनियों से है जिन में कुछ विदेशी निवेश है ; यदि ऐसा है, तो इस समय इस देश में काम कर रही ऐसी लगभग 64 कम्पनियां हैं ।

(ख) और (ग) अपेक्षित सूचना का संकलन नहीं किया गया है और अतः उपलब्ध नहीं है ।

†[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS, AND MINES AND METALS (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN): (a) Apparently, the members refer to drug manufacturing companies having some foreign investment; if so, there are about 64 such companies operating in this country, at present.

(b) and (c) The required information has not been compiled and is not, therefore, available.]

RAISING OF THE STATUS OF THE INDIAN EMBASSY IN HANOI

*327. SHRI ARJUN ARORA :

DR. SALIG RAM :

SHRI RAJENDRA PRATAP

SINHA :

SHRI KRISHAN KANT :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state: whether Government have taken any decision to raise the level of our diplomatic mission at Hanoi to an Embassy level and to establish full diplomatic relations with the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): No such decision has yet been taken.

PURCHASES BY CENTRAL GOVERNMENT FROM SMALL SCALE SECTOR

*328. SHRIMATI VIMAL PUNJAB DESHMUKH :

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI :

SHRI T. G. DESHMUKH :

SHRI N. P. CHAUDHARI :

Will the Minister of SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) the value of purchases on Government account made during the years 1968, 1969 and 1970 upto June, 1970;