

INDIAN TECHNICAL KNOW-OW TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES

976. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries which have approached the Government of India for the benefit of Indian technical know-how during the last three years; and

(b) the details of the technical know-how provided to those countries, so far, during the above period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE (SHRI M. R. KRISHNA): (a) and (b) While technical assistance from India to some Afro-Asian and other countries has been rendered through bilateral or multilateral channels, the scope for technical and financial collaboration between India and these countries is gradually increasing through the establishment of joint industrial ventures. The countries to which technical know-how assistance was provided, in various forms and for various schemes, are as Nigeria (West Africa), South Vietnam, Argentina, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Mexico, Kuwait, Ceylon, Bahrain, Persian Gulf, South East Asia, Nairobi, Philippines, Dubai, Ghana, Kenya, United Arab Republic, Indonesia, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Nepal, Tanzania, Jordan, Fiji, Iran and Afghanistan.

Government have already approved some proposals for such projects in these countries. In the Investment Promotion meeting, organised by UNIDO and ECAFE in Manila in September, 1970, the scope for such industrial collaboration between Indian undertakings and entrepreneurs in some of the South-East Asian and other countries was discussed, both generally and in respect of certain specific projects. Similar discussions are proposed to be held in respect of possible industrial collaboration for setting up of joint ventures in various African countries. Following the growing interest in Indian know-how and industrial expertise in various fields in many of these countries, Government are taking necessary action to coordinate these proposals and a cell is being organised in the Ministry of Industrial Development and Internal Trade for this purpose.

N. F. RAILWAY DIVISIONAL SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION WITH ANTI-SOCIAL ELEMENTS

977. SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Divisional Superintendent of the Northeast Frontier Railways was found actively associated with the CPM and anti-social elements;

(b) whether the Alipurduar, bungalow of this senior officer was searched by police, if so, the findings of the enquiry; and

(c) what are the reasons for not taking action against this officer despite report of security and intelligence officers?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GULZARILAL NANDA): (a) to (c) The facts are that the bungalow of the Divisional Commercial Superintendent, Alipurduar Junction (and not a Divisional Superintendent of the N. F. Railway) was searched by the local police on 11-7-1970 and a man wanted by the police in a murder case, who was found hiding in the bungalow, was arrested. The Divisional Commercial Superintendent was arrested by the local police under section 212 IPC on 30-7-1970 and released on bail the same day. He was placed under suspension from 5-8-1970. The case against him is still under investigation by the police.

RESURVEY FOR CONNECTING NAGARKOIL WITH TIRUNELVELI

978. SHRI T. V. ANANDAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question No. 59 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st July 1969 and state:

(a) whether the re-survey for connecting Nagarkoil with Tirunelveli has been completed by the Southern Railway; and

(b) if so, when the work is likely to be started and the estimated amount of expenditure sanctioned in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GULZARILAL NANDA): (a) and (b) Updating of the earlier survey report of 1964 for the Tirunelveli-Nagercoil-Trivandrum M. G. rail link (with an extension to Cape Comorin) and fresh survey for an alternative Broad Gauge rail link have since been completed and the reports are under the examination of the Railway Board. The cost of this project has been estimated as Rs. 12.99 crores for Metre