

**CONSTRUCTION OF SOVIET TRADE CENTRE
BUILDING IN BOMBAY**

1422. SHRI PHOOL SINGH :

DR. DEBIPRASAD CHATTO-
PADHYAYA :

DR. (MRS.) MANGLADEVI
TALWAR :

SHRI DALPAT SINGH :

SHRI P. S. PATIL :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the exact position regarding
the construction of the Soviet Trade
Centre building in Bombay;

(b) whether any objection was received
from the Maharashtra on this score;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Ministry
of Home Affairs had cautioned against
construction of the building; and

(d) if so, what action was taken in the
matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN
THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL
SINGH) : (a) The Trade Representation
of the USSR have constructed a building
on Malabar Hill, Bombay. The building
plans were approved by the Municipal
Corporation of Bombay.

(b) Maharashtra Government has ex-
pressed some reservations.

(c) and (d) The matter was examined
by this Ministry in consultation with the
Ministry of Home Affairs and our views
were conveyed to the State Government
of Maharashtra.

INDIAN PROPERTY IN PAKISTAN

1423. SHRI KUMBHA RAM ARYA :

SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan
has recently decided to dispose of Indian
property valuing over Rs. 127 crores
by inviting public tenders;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the
confiscation of Indian property by Pakistan
is in sharp contrast with the policy pursued
by India towards Pakistani property;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Pakistani
national are free to deal with their assets
India through power of attorney and
other media; and

(d) if the answers to parts (a) to (c)
above be in the affirmative, what steps the
Government of India propose to take
in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN
THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL
SINGH) : (a) The Government have
seen some tender notices issued recently
for sale of Indian properties seized by
Pakistan during the conflict of 1965.

(b) Yes, Sir. Pakistan's policy regarding
the Indian properties confiscated during
the 1965 conflict is in sharp contrast with
the policy pursued by India towards
Pakistan properties.

(c) No, Sir. They are not free to do
so with regard to the property which
was declared as Enemy property.

(d) Several protests have been lodged
urging the Government of Pakistan to
stop immediately the proposed sale of
the properties involved and also to start
discussions regarding the restoration of
the seized properties in terms of the Tash-
kent Declaration of 1966.

**ECAFE'S PROPOSAL FOR TRADE LIBERALI-
SATION AND MONETARY COOPERATION**

1424. SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD : Will
the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be
pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a high
level ECAFE mission visited India during
August, 1970 and had discussion with
the Government of India;

(b) if so, whether the Government of
India have favourably responded to ECA-
FE's proposal for trade liberalisation?
and monetary cooperation;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the extent to which this decision
will be beneficial to India?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
TRADE (CHOWDHARY RAM SE-
WAK) : (a) to (d) A statement is attached.