

(c) and (d) An assessment of the ever-all requirements of the Foreign Service is currently being made. The question of how the deficiencies, if any, are to be met, can only be considered in the light (a) of this assessment and (b) of the reductions possible or additions necessary in our overseas Missions, of which the staff position is also currently being reviewed.

(e) and (f) Apart from the review mentioned in the reply to parts (c) and (d) above, Government is always alive to the necessity of keeping staff in the Indian Missions at levels consistent with the requirements of work and functional efficiency and with due regard to the need for economy. Reviews are conducted periodically, and staff strength adjusted suitably in accordance with the considerations mentioned above.

(g) All diplomatic officers and the bulk of the servicing personnel in our Missions abroad are India-based personnel. In the larger Missions like the ones in London and Washington and, to a much smaller extent, even in other Missions, certain categories of posts like Interpreter, Receptionists, Chauffeurs, Messengers etc. have, for reasons as much of actual necessity as of economy, necessary to be filled by local recruits. In many cases, quite a few of these local recruits are also either Indian nationals or persons of Indian origin.

The position on this behalf is kept constantly under review.

HARASSMENT OF INDIANS IN BRITAIN

220. DR. Z. V. AHMED:
SHRI NAWAL KISHORE:
SHRI N. G. GORAY:
SHRI SASANKASEKHAR
SANYAL: SHRI MREN GHOSH:
DR. K. MATHEW KURIAN • SHRI
TULKA GOVINDA REDD SHRI
SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there had been a number of cases in recent months of harassment of Indian nationals and

other people of Asian origin at British ports of entry by British Immigration officers;

(b) if so, the number of such cases and the nature of treatment meted out to them at the entry ports;

(c) the steps taken by the Government of India in this regard; and

(d) the reaction of the Government of United Kingdom thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) Some cases of harassment of Indian nationals and British passport holders of Indian origin at British ports of entry have come to the Government's notice.

(b) to (d) Cases of this nature when reported to Government have invariably been taken up with the British authorities who have been looking into them with a view to avoiding their recurrence.

221. [Transferred to the 5th August, 1970.]

DRY PORT AT DELHI

222. SHRI SRI KANT MISHRA:
SHRI NIRANJAN VARMA:

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the views of the Delhi Administration and the Delhi Development Authority with regard to declaring Delhi as dry port;

(b) whether a final decision has been taken by Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons for the inordinate delay in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK): (a) to (d) The Inter-Ministerial Working Group (on which the Delhi Administration was also represented) appointed by the Ministry of Foreign Trade on the question of setting up

of a Dry Port at Delhi submitted its report in May, 1970. Apart from the feasibility and viability of the Dry Port, the financial implications are also required to be carefully examined. The report is being examined expeditiously by the Govt. It would not however be appropriate to disclose the contents of the Report at this stage when the matter is under examination.

223. [Transferred to the 11th, August, 1970.]

DELAY IN COMPLETION OF POWER PROJECTS

224. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some power projects have fallen behind their original schedule of completion in 1969-70;

(b) if so, the reasons for such non-completion as per schedule; and

(c) the steps taken to expedite the completion of those projects?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir. Generating units totalling 773 MW in 18 projects scheduled for commissioning during 1969-70 were delayed.

(b) The main reasons for non-completion are as follows—

(i) delay in the delivery of plant and equipment.

(ii) delay in the construction of dam and/or water conductor system.

(iii) delay in erection of plant.

(iv) damage due to floods.

(c) A committee has been set up in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power for reviewing periodically in detail the progress made in the placement of orders and manufacture of generating equipment and also to co-ordinate the progress of manufacture with the progress of civil works. In addition, Members of the Central Water and Power Commission have been assigned to the incomplete pro-

jects so that the concerned project authorities are further assisted in taking measures for expeditious commissioning.

CHAIRMAN MAO'S MAY DAY SPEECH

225. SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA:

SHRI N. G. GORAY:

SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

SHRI GODEY MURAHARI:

SHRI S. D. MISRA:

SHRI B. K. KAUL:

SHRI MAHAVIR TYAGI:

CHAUDHARY A. MOHAMMAD:

SHRI K. P. MALLIKARJUNUDU:

SHRI RAJNARAIN:

DR. Z. A. AHMAD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Chairman Mao of the People's Republic of China made an offer of friendship to India in his speech on the May Day;

(b) if so, whether the Government of India have received any written communication in this regard from the Government of China;

(c) what are the details of the report, if any, received by the Government in this regard from the Indian Embassy in China; and

(d) what is the reaction of the Government of India in regard thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) Mr. Mao Tse-tung made no formal speech on May Day, but while shaking hands with our Charge d' Affaires, he expressed friendly sentiments towards India;

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The Indian Embassy conveyed to the Government Mr. Mao Tse-tung's expression of goodwill towards India and the Indian people and greetings to the leaders.