

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH (SHRI K. C. PANT): A number of proposals from public sector undertakings for production of television sets are under consideration.

DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

252. SHRI GODEY MURAHARI:
DR. Z. A. AHMAD:
SHRI K. P. SUBRAMANIA
MENON:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether the Government of India propose to give full diplomatic recognition to the German Democratic Republic in view of the fact that Ceylon and other countries propose to do so?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): The question of India's relations with the G.D.R. is under constant review. Decisions are announced after these are finalised.

INDIAN PAVILION AT EXPO 1970

253. SHRI GODEY MURAHARI:
SHRI S. D. MISRA:
SHRI B. K. KAUL:
CHAUDHARY A. MOHAM-
MAD:

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of visitors to the Indian Pavilion at the Expo '70 till the end of June, 1970 and the extent of orders booked or sales effected; and

(b) the expenditure incurred by Government in establishing, maintaining and running the Indian Pavilion at the Expo '70?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK): (a) Upto end of June 1970, Indian Pavi-

lion at Expo received as many as 4.89 million visitors.

Trade enquiries received on various items of export have been passed on to suppliers for conducting negotiations. Sales in the shops and restaurants organised under the auspices of India Pavilion, upto end of June 1970, aggregated to Rs. 97.58 lakhs.

Extent of trade enquiries and sales need to be considered against the background of the fact that Expo is not a trade fair. Opportunity has been taken to conduct sales of certain items in the shops allotted to us in the Expo.

(b) The expenditure incurred so far by the Ministry of Foreign Trade amounts to Rs. 149.09 lakhs (Rs. 137 lakhs in foreign exchange and Rs. 12.09 lakhs in India).

EXPORT OF CASHEW KERNELS

254. SHRI S. KUMARAN: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a fall in the export of cashew kernels during the period from April, 1969 to February, 1970 as compared to the corresponding period in 1968-69;

(b) if so, what was the extent of the fall registered; and

(c) what steps have been taken to step up the exports of cashew kernels?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The fall registered in export of cashew kernels during the period from April, 1969 to February, 1970 as compared to the same period in the previous year was to the extent of 5,768 tonnes valued at Rs. 6.42 crores.

(c) The main reason for fall in exports of cashew kernels was due to

interrupted supply of raw cashew nuts from East African Countries on account of change of payment terms insisted by Indian Banks. In order to remedy the situation the Government of India decided to restore original terms of payment.

As a long term measure to secure uninterrupted supply of raw cashew nuts, it has been decided to canalise the import through a subsidiary of S.T.C.

SRINAGAR DECLARED OUT OF BOUNDS FOR INDIAN ARMY

255. SHRI D. D. PURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Srinagar town has been declared out of bounds for the Indian Army;

(b) if so, the circumstances which lead to this step; and

(c) how Government propose to safeguard vital installations including communication lines from possible sabotage?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Adequate arrangements exist for the safeguarding of vital installations and vulnerable points against sabotage.

CONFERENCE OF THE CHIEF SECRETARIES

256. SHRI S. D. MISRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a meeting of Chief Secretaries of all the States was convened by the Prime Minister during June 1970 to study the problem of educated unemployment in the country and other matters; and

(b) if so, what are the conclusions arrived at the Conference?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI-MATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) A Conference of Chief Secretaries of all States and Union Territories was convened by the Cabinet Secretary on the 26th and 27th June, 1970, at New Delhi to discuss the various measures to tackle the problem of unemployment in the country. The Conference was inaugurated by the Prime Minister.

(b) The main conclusions arrived at in the Conference are briefly stated in the enclosed Statement. [See Appendix LXXIII, Annexure No. 24.]

COMMUNICATION/ DELEGATION FROM THE TASK FORCE OF ASIAN COUNTRIES

257. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR:

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any communication or delegation from the Task Force formed by the Asian countries after their meet at Djakarta over the Cambodian issue;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what is the reaction of the Government of India regarding the proposals if any, for solving the Cambodian problem made by the said Task Force?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Task Force met the officials of the Ministry of External Affairs. The details of the discussion are confidential and cannot be divulged. The discussion were frank, cordial and useful.

(c) Government's policy in this regard has been explained to the House in the statement made on 1st May, 1970. Many of the points there have been accepted in the Djakarta Communiqué.