

opening new cultural centres in accordance with its requirements.

Consideration of the proposed framework is receiving the active attention of the Government and informal discussions are in progress with foreign Missions of friendly countries including the U.S. Embassy.

#### EXPORT OF RAILWAY EQUIPMENT

228. DR. (MRS.) MANGLADEVI TALWAR: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a great demand for Indian railway equipments in foreign markets;

(b) if so, the type of railway equipments exported to these foreign markets at present; and

(c) the amount of foreign exchange earned therefrom during the last three years, year-wise?

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

(b) The types of railway equipments exported are railway bogies and coaches, railway coach wagons, loco boilers, wagon components, railway track materials, train lighting and railway signalling equipments.

(c) The amount of foreign exchange earned by export of railway equipments during the last three years is as under—

1967-68	...	Rs. 279.04 lakhs
1968-69	...	„ 862.40 „
1969-70	...	„ 126.41 „

#### RAJASTHAN'S REQUIREMENT OF ELECTRICITY

229. DR. (MRS.) MANGLADEVI TALWAR: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the requirement of electricity of Rajasthan has been recently assessed;

(b) if so, the quality of electricity likely to be required and that which is likely to be supplied during the Fourth Five Year Plan; and

(c) what are the steps proposed to be taken by the Government of India to meet the gap between the demand and supply of electricity?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The load demand is expected to rise from 216 MW in 1969-70 to 536 MW at the end of 1973-74. From the existing schemes and sanctioned schemes which are expected to be completed by 1973-74 relating to conventional hydel and thermal generation, the installed capacity would be 592 MW at the end of 1973-74. In addition by the end of the Fourth Five Year Plan nuclear power will be available from the Ranapratap Sagar Nuclear Power Station. The requirements of Rajasthan by the end of 1973-74 are, therefore, expected to be fully met.

(c) Does not arise.

संगोन में रहने वाले भारतीयों के एक शिष्ट मंडल की यात्रा

230. श्री राजनारायण :

श्री श्यामलाल यादव :

श्री निरंजन वर्मा :

श्री बालचन्द्र मेनन :

श्री सीताराम जंपुरिया :

क्या वैदेशिक कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि संगोन में रहने वाले भारतीयों का एक शिष्ट मंडल हाल में भारत आया था और भारत सरकार के प्रतिनिधियों से मिला था ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो शिष्टमंडल के साथ हुई बातचीत का व्यौरा क्या है ?

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि शिष्टमंडल को मिलने का आश्वासन देकर भी प्रधान मंत्री उससे नहीं मिली ; और

(घ) यदि हाँ, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

†[VISIT OF A DELEGATION OF INDIANS LIVING IN SAIGON]

230. SHRI RAJNARAIN:

SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV:

SHRI NIRANJAN VARMA:

SHRI BALACHANDRA MENON:

SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a delegation of the Indians living in Saigon recently visited India and met the representatives of the Government of India;

(b) if so, what are the details of the talks held with the delegation;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister did not meet the delegation in spite of an assurance given to them for a meeting; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?]

बैदेशिक कार्य मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री गुरेन्द्र पाल सिंह) : (क) और (ख) जी हाँ । दक्षिण वियतनाम के भारतीय व्यापारियों का यह दल विदेश मंत्रालय में तथा विदेश मंत्रालय के अधिकारियों से मिला था । उन्होंने यह सुझाव दिया कि उत्तर वियतनाम के साथ संबंधों का स्तर बढ़ाने का अगर कोई प्रस्ताव हो, तो वह उतना ही दक्षिण वियतनाम पर भी लागू होना चाहिए अन्यथा उनके हितों को धक्का लगेगा । उन्हें बताया गया कि कोई अंतिम निर्णय लेते समय—जो सर्वाधिक देश-व्यापी हित में होना चाहिए—उनके विचारों को ध्यान में रखा जाएगा ;

(ग) और (घ) प्रधान मंत्री के कार्यक्रम में बहुत से अप्रत्यासित कार्य आ पड़ने के कारण वे इस प्रतिनिधि मंडल से भेंट नहीं कर सकीं ।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The group of Indian businessmen from South Vietnam met the Foreign Minister and officials of the Ministry of External Affairs. They suggested that any proposal to upgrade the level of relations with North Vietnam should be equally applied to South Vietnam as otherwise their interests would suffer. They were informed that their views would be arrived at. During the discussions, borne in mind in arriving at any final decision, which must be in the broadest national interest.

(c) and (d) The Prime Minister could not meet the delegation due to a number of unforeseen engagements having to be fitted into her schedule.]

DEATH OF INDIAN T.V. CAMERAMAN IN CAMBODIA

231. SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHARAN:

SHRI S. A. KHAJA MOHI-DEEN:

SHRI SWAI SINGH SISODIA:  
SARDAR GURCHARAN  
SINGH TOHRA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the circumstances under which the Indian T.V. cameraman, Shri Ramnik Lekhi was killed in Cambodia recently; and

(b) the reaction of the Government of India in this regard.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) According to available information he was part of the CBS team covering the fighting near Phnom Penh on May 31, 1970. This