

(a) the number of cases of misuse of import licences which came to Government's notice during the year 1968-69; and

(b) what action was taken to minimise the misuse of import licences?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) :
(a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

TALKS BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTERS OF INDIA AND SOVIET UNION

263. SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA :

SARDAR NARINDAR SINGH BRAR :

SHRI GANESHI LAL CHAUDHARY :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the substance of the Prime Minister's talks with Premier Kosygin of the Soviet Union when the latter met her briefly on his way to Hanoi; and

(b) whether Mr. Kosygin gave any hint about Russia's interest in promoting the cause of Free Tibet?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) :
(a) and (b) The talks were of a confidential nature and the details cannot be disclosed.

UPGRADING OF INDIA'S DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION IN HANOI

269. SHRI BABUBHAI M. CHINAI :
SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE :
SHRI KALYAN ROY :
SHRI N. R. MUNISWAMY :
SHRI CHITTA BASU :
SHRI LOKNATH MISRA :
SHRI NIRANJAN VARMA :
SHRI K. P. SUBRAMANIAMENON :
SHRI M. K. MOHTA :
SHRI M. RUTHNASWAMY :
SHRI G. GOPINATHAN NAR :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to upgrade our diplomatic representation in Hanoi ;

(b) if so, whether the Governments of the U. S. A. and the South Vietnam have protested against such a move; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) Government are considering how best expression can be given to the desire in the two countries to strengthen their relations.

(b) and (c) It is for the Government of India to decide the nature and extent of bilateral relations with foreign countries. There can be no question of considering any protest from a third country. However, U. S. Government have conveyed their views to us because of their involvement in Vietnam.

विदेश व्यापार की अभिवृद्धि

270. श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :

श्री मानसिंह वर्मा :

क्या वैदेशिक व्यापार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) विदेश व्यापार बढ़ाने के लिए सरकार ने जब से एक अलग विभाग बनाया है तब से विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में सरकार द्वारा क्या क्या उपाय किये गये हैं ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि विदेशों में भारतीय वाणिज्य दूतावासों में लाल फिताशाही की अधिकता के कारण भारतीय सामान के खरीदारों को बहुत कठिनाई होती है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने पता लगाया है कि अरब जगत, अफ्रीका और अनेक एशियाई देशों में सब तरह के भारतीय माल की मांग है और यूरोप में लघु उद्योगों तथा हस्तकलाओं द्वारा तैयार माल की मांग है, किन्तु इनकी पूर्ति ठीक ढंग से नहीं हो रही है ; और

(घ) क्या सरकार एक दैनिक अथवा अर्ध-साप्ताहिक बुलेटिन प्रकाशित करने का विचार रखती है जिनमें बताया जाये कि दुनिया के प्रत्येक देश में किन-किन भारतीय चीजों की मांग है ?

†[PROMOTION OF FOREIGN TRADE

270. SHRI J. P. YADAV:

SHRI MAN SINGH VARMA:

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the measures adopted by Government in the various fields since the creation of a separate department for the promotion of foreign trade;

(b) whether it is a fact that the purchasers of Indian goods abroad have to face considerable difficulties due to the red-tapism prevailing in Indian consulates in the foreign countries;

(c) whether Government have ascertained that there is a demand for all kinds of Indian goods in the Arab world, Africa and several Asian countries and the goods produced by small scale industries, and handicrafts are in great demand in Europe, but the same are not being supplied properly; and

(d) whether Government propose to publish a daily or bi-weekly bulletin showing the details of the Indian goods for which there is a demand in each of the countries of the world?]

वैदेशिक व्यापार मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (चौधरी राम सेवक) : (क) वाणिज्य मंत्रालय को विदेशी व्यापार तथा आपूर्ति मंत्रालय का नया नाम दिया गया था और अब इसका नाम विदेशी व्यापार मंत्रालय है। विदेशी व्यापार को बढ़ाने के लिए विभिन्न प्रकार की कार्यवाही, जो पहले वाणिज्य मंत्रालय द्वारा की जाती थी, अब भी जारी रखी जा रही है और अधिक तीव्रता से चलाई जा रही है :

(ख) सरकार को ऐसी किसी बात की सूचना नहीं मिली है।

(ग) इन देशों में भारतीय माल की मांग के बारे में सरकार को जानकारी है और मांग होने पर उसके अनुकूल माल का संभरण किया जाता है।

(घ) वाणिज्यिक प्रचार निदेशालय और विभिन्न निर्यात संवर्धन परिषदे विदेशी बाजारों की, जिन में ये देश भी शामिल हैं, मांग के स्वरूप एवं परिमाण के सम्बन्ध में पूरी जानकारी देने वाली पत्रिकाएं एवं पम्फलेट प्रकाशित करती हैं जो इस उद्देश्य के लिए पर्याप्त समझे जाते हैं।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK): (a) The Ministry of Commerce was redesignated as Minister of Foreign Trade and Supply and now as the Ministry of Foreign Trade. The various measures to step up our foreign trade which was being executed earlier by the Ministry of Commerce are being continued and followed up with increased vigour.

(b) No such instance has come to the notice of the Government.

(c) Government is aware of the demand for Indian goods in these countries and wherever there is demand goods are being supplied in accordance with that demand.

(d) The Directorate of Commercial Publicity and various Export Promotion Councils are bringing out journals and pamphlets giving full information regarding the nature and extent of demand in the overseas markets including these countries which are considered adequate for the purpose.]

MAN-HANDLING OF INDIAN DIPLOMAT IN HONG KONG

271. SHRI GANESHI LAL CHAUDHARY :

SHRI A. P. CHATTERJEE :

SHRI M. V. BHADRAM :

SHRI KALYAN ROY :

SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether an Indian diplomat was man-handled by a British Police Officer in Hong Kong on September 6 last;

(b) if so, what are the details of the incident; and

(c) whether any protest has been lodged with the Government of the United Kingdom in this regard?