

CROSSING OF TIBETANS INTO INDIA AND ESCAPE OF PANCHEN LAMA

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SHRI DIVI SINGH :
DR. B. N. ANTANI :
SHRI GODEY MURAHARI :
SHRI M. RUTHNASWAMY:
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of Tibetans who have crossed into India during the last three months and whether the Government of India would provide facilities to them to settle in India;

(b) whether the Government of India are aware that the Panchen Lama has also fled from Tibet; and

(c) if so, whether Government are aware of his whereabouts and whether he would be allowed to come to India to settle here?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH):

(a) 102; government is providing necessary settlement facilities to them.

(b) and (c) The Government of India have no definite information about the escape from Tibet or the whereabouts of the Panchen Lama. The question of his settlement in India has not arisen.

ISRAELI ATTACK ON U. A. R. ALONG
SUZ CANAL

*113 SHRI K. C. PANDA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Israeli military forces launched an all out attack against U. A. R. along the Suez Canal area on September 9, 1969 resulting in deaths of several U. A. R. soldiers; and

(b) if so, whether the Government of India have received any report from our Embassy in Cairo and the U. A. R. Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH):

(a) There have been reports of the outbreak of hostilities along the Suez Canal on 9th September, 1969. Reports

from Cairo indicate that the attack was launched by Israeli forces already in forcible occupation of U. A. R. territory.

(b) Yes, Sir.

DECLINE IN EXPORT

*114. SHRI M. V. BHADRAM : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the rate of growth of exports during the current year is likely to register a sharp decline as compared to last year;

(b) if so, the extent of fall expected in the current year;

(c) what are the reasons therefor and

(d) what steps have been taken to arrest this decline?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) and (b) During the 1st five months of 1969-70 the rate of growth of export was 3.6% as compared to 13.6% achieved in 1968-69. It is yet too early to forecast the extent of fall at the end of the year. Every effort is, however, being made to reach the targetted growth of 7%.

(c) The main reasons for the declaration in the rate of growth of exports during the current year are less buoyant world trading conditions than in 1968, increase in internal demand, rise in the domestic price level, losses in production and export on account of industrial unrest, and the shortage in supply of essential raw materials.

(d) Our export performance is constantly under review and necessary measures to boost exports are being taken from time to time in the light of experience gained.

कम्युनिस्ट चीन से सम्बन्ध विच्छेद और
संयुक्त राष्ट्र संघ में उसका प्रवेश

115. श्री निरंजन वर्मा :

श्री प्रणब कुमार मुखर्जी :

क्या वैदेशिक कार्य मंत्री यह बतलाने की
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