

रक्षा, इस्पात और भारी इंजीनियरी मंत्री
(सरदार स्वर्ण सिंह) (क) 200 रुपये

प्रति मास पेंशन पात्र वाले सशस्त्र, सेनाओं के पेंशनरों की पहली सितम्बर, 1969 से 10 रुपये की तदर्थ वृद्धि दी गई है।

(ख) जी हां।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

†[THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE, STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SARDAR SWARN SINGH) : (a) The rates of *ad hoc* increase admissible to Armed Forces pensioners drawing pension upto Rs. 200 p.m. have been enhanced uniformly by Rs. 10 p.m. with effect from 1st September, 1969.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) Does not arise.]

IMPORT OF INDUSTRIAL RAW MATERIAL

*256. SHRI BABUBHAI M. CHINAI : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity and value of industrial raw material imported into India during the last year ; and

(b) how much of it is already being canalised through State Trading Corporation and Mineral and Metals Trading Corporation and what is the break up ?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) The value of industrial raw materials imported into during the last year was Rs. 749.87 crores.

(b) Industrial raw materials canalised or otherwise imported by S.T.C. and M. M. T. C. in the same year were valued at Rs. 45.42 crores and Rs. 18.35 crores, respectively.

PLAN OUTLAYS FOR STATES

*257. SARDAR HARCHARAN SINGH DUGAI :

SHRI YELLA REDDY :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some State Governments have suggested the revision of the Fourth Five Year Plan in order to have bigger outlays in their regions ;

†[] English translation.

(b) if so, the names of those States and what are their views ;

(c) whether the Planning Commission had given an assurance to the States that the total outlay for the States, Plan would be revised in the light of the recommendations of the Fifth Finance Commission ; and

(d) the decision of Government in this regard ?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI-MATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) and (b) There was a general consensus of opinion among the Chief Ministers during the National Development Council meeting held on April 19 and 20, 1969 that the outlay for the State Sector in the Fourth Plan was inadequate and that it should be enlarged.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Consultations are, at present, under way with the State Governments to finalise the Fourth Plan outlays of States in the light of the resources position that has emerged after the report of the Fifth Finance Commission.

INDIAN CITIZENS GOING TO G. D. R.

*258. SHRI LOKANATH MISRA :
SHRI M. RUTHNASWAMY :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government of India has been invited to a report in the Hindustan Times of 25th September, 1969 regarding a large number of Indian citizens going to German Democratic Republic ; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government of India in this regard ?

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

(b) The increase in the number of visitors to G. D. R. is largely connected with the 20th Anniversary Celebrations of the foundation of the G. D. R.

CEILING ON PRODUCTION OF COTTON CLOTHES

*259. SHRI K. C. PANDA :
DR. B. N. ANTANI :
SHRI DEVI SINGH :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to fix ceiling on production of cotton clothes by the mills and decentralise sectors of the textile industry during the Fourth Five Year Plan ; and

(b) whether Government have consulted the industry in this regard and if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) :

(a) The question of laying down targets of production of cotton textiles by the decentralised sector and the mill sector during the Fourth Plan period is under consideration of the Government.

(b) No, Sir.

AMERICAN OFFICIALS' THREAT TO INDIA FOR TIES WITH HANOI AND VIETCONG

***260. SHRI N. R. MUNISWAMY :** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the American officials in New Delhi warned India on the 20th September last that in case India strengthened its ties with Hanoi and Vietcong, it would imperil American aid to and trade with India ; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Government of India in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) :

(a) and (b) There was an exchange of views between the officials of the Ministry of External Affairs and the American Embassy on the 20th September, 1969. Such exchange of views is kept confidential. However it has been stated by the U. S. authorities that raising of the level of India's representation in Hanoi or the recognition of the Provisional Revolutionary Government in South Vietnam will have adverse reaction in U. S. A.

It is for the Government of India to decide their bilateral relations with foreign countries bearing in mind their national interests. U. S. Government does not dispute this position.

HIGH POWER COMMISSION ON REGIONAL IMBALANCES

***261. SHRI THILLAI VILLALAN :** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any demand has been made by any of the States for appointment of a high power national commission on regional imbalances ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is the reaction of Government in the matter ?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

INDIAN TEACHERS IN ETHIOPIA

***262. SHRI Y. ADINARAYANA REDDY :** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question No. 211 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 8th May, 1969 and state :

(a) whether our Embassy in Addis Ababa has looked into the complaints of Indian teachers in Ethiopia and taken necessary action to help them get over their difficulties ; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken in the matter ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) :

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The matter is being pursued with the Ethiopian authorities in order to arrive at a solution of the problem to the satisfaction of all concerned.

सिक्किम तथा भूटान में भारत विरोधी पर्वों तथा पुस्तिकाओं का बांटा जाना

***263. श्री रेवती कांत सिंह :** क्या वंदेशिक-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को यह जानकारी है कि सिक्किम तथा भूटान में भारत विरोधी पर्वों तथा पुस्तिकाएं बांटी जा रही हैं ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि उक्त भारत विरोधी साहित्य नेपाल से आ रहा है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?