

The amount of profits remitted by foreign tea companies during 1967-68 is Rs. 5.04 crores and that by foreign rubber companies during the same period is Rs. 0.86 crores. This latter figure, however, includes the remittances in respect of the tea estates owned by the foreign rubber companies.

Government have not felt it necessary to consider the question of nationalising the Plantations.

The programmes for the development of plantations proposed during the Fourth Plan period are under consideration.

ATOMIC POWER PLANT AT NARORA DAM IN ALIGARH

*645. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh have urged upon the Government of India for setting up an Atomic Power Plant at the Narora Dam in Aligarh District; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Government of India thereto ?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) :

(a) A request has been received from the Government of U.P. that an atomic power station be set up in that State.

(b) No resources have so far been provided in the Fourth Plan for any new atomic power station.

†VISIT OF SIKH PILGRIMS TO PAKISTAN

*515. SARDAR HARCHARAN SINGH DUGAL : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that recently a batch of 50 Sikh Pilgrims were not permitted to enter Pakistan to visit their Holy Shrines there in spite of the fact that they had completed all customs and other transit formalities;

(b) if so, on what grounds Pakistan denied them permission; and

(c) whether Government of India have taken up the matter with the Government of Pakistan and if so, with what results ?

†Transferred from the 13th August, 1969.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) :
(a) and (b) 79 pilgrims were refused entry into Pakistan on 17th May, 1969, because they arrived late at the Pakistani side of the border checkpoint which had closed for the day.

(c) Yes, Madam. The reply from the Pakistan Government is still awaited.

STATEMENT OF CHINESE DEFENCE MINISTER ABOUT REVOLUTION IN INDIA

*651. SHRI RAJENDRA PRATAP SINHA :

SHRI KRISHNA KANT :

SHRI ARJUN ARORA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the Statement of Mr. Lin Piyo, Chinese Defence Minister at their 9th Party Conference that conditions of revolution were brewing in India and that they should help it; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Government of India thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) :

(a) Yes, Sir. Mr. Lin Piao in his report to the 9th Party Congress pledged China's support to the "revolutionary struggles of the peoples of Laos, Thailand, Burma, Malaysia, Indonesia, India, Palestine and other countries and regions in Asia, Africa and Latin America."

(b) This is repetition of a worn out Chinese propaganda theme and carries little credence.

PEKING'S SUPPORT FOR TELENGANA AGITATION

*652. SHRI M. K. MOHTA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government of India has been drawn to the Radio Peking broadcast as reported by the 'Hindustan Times' dated the 15th June, 1969 supporting the agitation for a separate Telengana State;

(b) whether the Government of India have taken up the matter with Peking for interference in the affairs of India; and

(c) if so, the result achieved in this regard ?