

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) Though no fresh major industrial dispute was raised in 1969, three demands that had been pending for some time were pressed by employees' Unions.

These were :

(i) Demand made by all Labour Unions of HAL for payment of Dearness Allowance at Central Government rates;

(ii) Demand made by all Labour Unions of HAL for revision of HAL Wage Structure and payment of Interim Relief at 25% of total emoluments till wage revision is completed; and

(iii) Demand made by the Union at Koraput protesting against proposal for phase deduction of project allowance and asking for either continuance of project allowance at existing rates or its replacement by a Koraput Allowance at higher rates.

(b) and (c) The Dearness allowance dispute has been settled by the HAL Management agreeing to pay to their employees dearness allowance at Central Government rates pending determination of the Wage Structure and allowances in the light of discussions with reference to the Engineering Wage Board's Report. HAL Management have also commenced negotiations with the Employee's Unions in regard to the revision of the Wage Structure. Pending consideration of the demand for payment of special Koraput Allowance to the employees of Koraput Division, continuance of the Project Allowance at existing rates has been sanctioned till December, 1969.

प्रधान मंत्री द्वारा जापान तथा इण्डोनेशिया की यात्रा

311. श्री राम सहाय :

श्री तिल्लई विल्ललन :

चौधरी ए० मोहम्मद :

श्री बी० के० महन्ती :

क्या वैदेशिक कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उन्होंने गत जून में जापान तथा इण्डोनेशिया की यात्रा की थी; और

(ख) यदि हा, तो इन देशों की सहायता से भारत में आर्थिक विकास के संबंध में कौन से विशेष निर्णय किये गये ?

†[P. M.'s VISIT TO JAPAN AND INDONESIA

*311. SHRI RAM SAHAI :

SHRI THILLAI VILLALAN :
CHAUDHARY A. MOHAM-
MAD :

SHRI B. K. MAHANTI :

Will the MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether she visited Japan and Indonesia in June last ; and

(b) if so, what specific decisions were arrived at regarding economic development in India with the aid from these countries ?]

वैदेशिक कार्य मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री सुरेन्द्र पाल सिंह) : (क) प्रधान मंत्री ने 23 जून से 27 जून तक जापान की और 28 जून से 3 जुलाई तक इण्डोनेशिया की यात्रा की।

(ख) इन दोनों अवसरों पर जारी की गयी संयुक्त विज्ञप्ति की प्रतियाँ संलग्न हैं। [देखिये परिशिष्ट LXIX अनुपत्र संख्या 15]

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

(a) The Prime Minister visited Japan from June 23 to June 27 and Indonesia from June 28 to July 3.

(b) Copies of the Joint Communiques issued on the occasion of the two visits are enclosed. [See Appendix LXIX, Annexure No. 15.]

FOREIGN TRIPS UNDERTAKEN BY THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

312. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA :
PROF. SHANTILAL KOTHARI :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the foreign trips so far undertaken by him during the last six months;

*[] English translation.

(b) what were the places where he was accompanied by the Foreign Secretary;

(c) what were the purposes of these tours; and

(d) whether the purposes were fulfilled?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) Details of the trips of the Foreign Minister, after assumption of charge, are given below:

Nepal—5th to 9th June, 1969

Iran—18th to 23rd June, 1969

U.A.R.—7th to 8th July, 1969

U.S.A.—9th to 17th July 1969

(d) The Foreign Minister was not accompanied by the Foreign Secretary on any of these trips.

(c) The visits were to exchange views on bilateral relations and important world issues. In addition, the visit to Iran was to attend the first meeting of the Joint Commission for Economic, Technical and Scientific Cooperation between India and Iran.

(d) Yes, Madam.

313. [*Transferred to the 1st August, 1969.*]

COMMUNICATIONS ADDRESSED TO COUNTRIES SUPPLYING ARMS TO PAKISTAN

314. **SHRI SYED HUSSAIN :** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of India recently addressed a communication to the countries who are supplying arms to Pakistan ;

(b) if so, the points and issues raised in the communication and

(c) the reply received from the concerned countries?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) to (c) India's well known views regarding arms supplies to Pakistan are constantly brought to the notice of foreign Governments through diplomatic channels. The concerned Governments have been

informed that any further arms build up by Pakistan poses a threat to the security of India, creates tension in the sub-continent and retards the chances of normalisation of relations between the two countries.

PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH LAOS PREMIER

315. **SHRI SAWAISINGH SISODIA :** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Prime Minister had a meeting with the Premier of Laos on the 22nd June, 1969 at Palam airport; and

(b) if so, the nature of discussions held?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) and (b) The two Prime Ministers met and discussed in bilateral relations and the international situation with particular reference to Indo-China and the current peace talks in Paris.

SOVIET ARMS TO PAKISTAN

316. **SHRI JAGAT NARAIN :**
SHRI N. R. MUNISWAMY :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that Pakistan recently received from Russia a contingent of 60 tanks bringing the number of Russian tanks to 100 ; and

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

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SAR-DAR SWARAN SINGH) : (a) According to our information, the Soviet Union have supplied about 50 T-55 tanks to Pakistan in May. This is in addition to about 50 tanks supplied by them in February.

(b) Pakistan has no reasonable justification for augmenting its armed strength. Such supplies of military equipment to Pakistan would only accentuate tension in the sub-continent and add to our responsibilities in regard to the defence and security of the country.