

appointment of Heads of Missions is the prerogative of the Prime Minister.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REVIEW COMMITTEE ON S.T.C.

243. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have since considered the recommendations made by the Review Committee on the State Trading Corporation;

(b) if so, the result thereof; and

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in the negative, by when they are likely to be considered?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) to (c) Government have considered the views and recommendations contained in the interim report of the S.T.C.'s Review Committee and are in general agreement with them. The recommendations in the report for the expansion of the Board and other organisational matters have been agreed to by the Government. The final report of the Review Committee is expected shortly. Government will take suitable further action when they received the final report.

INCENTIVES FOR GOOD EXPORT PERFORMANCE

244. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give incentives for good export performance; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As an incentive and encouragement to good export performance, Government had evolved and announc-

ed a scheme of Awards to Exporters for outstanding export performance. The Resolution on the subject is published in the *Gazette of India Extraordinary*, dated the 23rd November, 1968, as amended by the Resolution notified in the Gazette on the 16th January, 1969.

BAROOAH COMMITTEE REPORT ON TEA INDUSTRY

245. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question No. 145 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th February, 1969 and state the recommendations made by the Barooah Committee on Tea Industry and Government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : The recommendations made by the Barooah Committee on Tea Industry are under examination. The report of the Committee and the Government's decisions on the recommendations will be released as soon as possible.

BUFFER STOCK FOR COTTON

246. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Committee appointed to study the question of buffer stock for cotton has submitted its report:

(b) if so, the main recommendations contained in the report; and

(c) the decision taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.