

(b) The Pakistan Government refused permission to the visit of a pilgrim party from India to this Shrine in December, 1968.

(c) The matter is being taken up with the Pakistan Government. It has been pointed out to them that they have an obligation to provide all facilities to pilgrims from India to visit holy places in Pakistan in accordance with the agreements reached between the two countries.]

भारतीय पक्षियों के निर्यात से विदेशी मुद्रा

का अर्जन

835. श्री निरंजन वर्मा : क्या विदेश व्यापार तथा पूर्ति मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारतीय पक्षियों के निर्यात से भारत सरकार को काफी विदेशी मुद्रा प्राप्त हुई है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो 1963-64, 1964-65 और 1967-68 के वर्षों में क्रमशः कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा अर्जित की गई ?

†[FOREIGN EXCHANGE THROUGH THE EXPORT OF INDIAN BIRDS

835. SHRI NIRANJAN VARMA : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of India have earned a large amount of foreign exchange through the export of Indian birds; and

(b) if so, what is the amount of foreign exchange earned during the years 1963-64, 1964-65 and 1967-68 respectively ?]

वैदेशिक व्यापार तथा पूर्ति मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (चौधरी राम सेवक) : (क) तथा (ख) वर्ष 1963-64, 1964-65 तथा 1967-68 में भारत से पक्षियों के निर्यात द्वारा क्रमशः 16.31 लाख, 18.39 लाख तथा 34.62 लाख रु० की विदेशी मुद्रा का उपाजन हुआ।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) and (b) The amount of foreign exchange earned from the export

of birds from India during the years 1963-64, 1964-65 and 1967-68 was Rs. 16.31 lakhs, Rs. 18.39 lakhs and Rs. 34.62 lakhs respectively.]

GRANT TO BHUTAN

836. SHRI A. D. MANI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :—

(a) whether Government of India have agreed to grant Rupees One crore to the Government of Bhutan to reinforce its revenue sources; and

(b) if so, in what manner this grant will be utilised ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) :

(a) Yes Sir; consequent on the visit to New Delhi of the Finance Minister of Bhutan, Tsilon Chogyal in January 1969, the Government of India have agreed to give to Bhutan an *ad hoc* annual grant of Rupees one crore for three years.

(b) The grant, which is intended to strengthen Bhutan's revenue resources is expected to be spent mainly on furthering Bhutan's economic development.

NEW INVESTMENTS IN MALAYSIA

837. SHRI S. S. MARISWAMY : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Governments' attention has been drawn to a news item in the 'Economic Times' of January 1, 1969 to the effect that Malaysia offers good opportunities for new investments; and

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any initiative in this regard and, if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Besides, giving wide publicity to the investment opportunities that come to its notice, and encouraging Indian entrepreneurs to visit countries like Malaysia, which have growth potentials, proposals for turn-key projects and joint ventures are sympathetically considered subject, of course, to the Government of India's normal policy on the subject. The Government have already approved 7 proposals of the Indian parties for setting up joint ventures in Malaysia.