

(b) The refugees are thoroughly screened by a team of interrogators before steps are taken to settle them in settlement camps. In cases in which the bonafides of the refugees are suspect they are detained under the Preventive Detention Act.

दिल्ली में 15 अगस्त, 1967 को हुआ  
व्यय

392 श्री विमलकुमार मन्ना नालजों  
चीरड़िया :

श्री सुंदर सिंह भंडारी :

क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा  
करेंगे कि दिल्ली में 15 अगस्त, 1967 को  
स्वतन्त्रता दिवस समारोहों पर कुल कितना  
व्यय हुआ था ?

†[EXPENDITURE INCURRED IN DELHI ON  
THE 15TH AUGUST, 1967

392. SHRI V. M. CHORDIA:  
SHRI SUNDAR SINGH  
BHANDARI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be  
pleased to state the total expenditure  
incurred on the Independence Day  
celebrations held in Delhi on the  
15th August, 1967?]

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (रक्षा  
उत्पादन) (श्री ललित नारायण मिश्र) :  
दिल्ली में 15 अगस्त, 1967 को आयोजित  
स्वतन्त्रता दिवस समारोह पर केन्द्रीय सरकार  
द्वारा किया गया खर्च लगभग 28,000  
रुपये था ।

†[THE MINISTER OF STATE (DE-  
FENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI  
L. N. MISHRA): An expenditure of  
about Rs. 28,000 was incurred by the  
Central Government on Independence  
Day celebrations held on the 15th  
August 1967 at Delhi.]

†[ ] English translation.

# PORT FACILITIES IN INDIA FOR NEPAL

393. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN: Will  
the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to  
state:

(a) whether Nepal has asked for  
certain port facilities in India;

(b) whether a Joint Study Team of  
India and Nepalese experts had re-  
cently visited some ports in India to  
find out what facilities could be offer-  
ed to Nepal;

(c) if so, what are the Team's re-  
commendations in this regard; and

(d) what is the nature of the deci-  
sion taken by the Government of  
India thereon?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI-  
MATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) to (d)  
This question repeats in substance a  
question answered in the last session  
of the Lok Sabha on 4th  
December, 1967, namely Star-  
red Question No. 422. A copy (see  
below) of that question and its answer  
are placed on the Table of the House.  
There is nothing more to be added at  
present to the answer already given.

Copy of Lok Sabha Question

## PORT FACILITIES FOR NEPAL

\*422. SHRI DHIRESHWAR KALI-  
TA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Nepal has demanded  
certain port facilities in India.

(b) whether a Joint Study Team of  
Indian and Nepalese experts had re-  
cently visited some ports in India to  
find out what facilities could be  
offered to Nepal;

(c) if so, the Team's recommenda-  
tions in this regard; and

(d) the nature of the decision taken  
by the Government of India thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a)  
A statement is placed on the Table of  
the House.

(b) No Sir, No such visit to ports in India is contemplated, although the arrangements at Calcutta port are constantly under examination.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

#### STATEMENT

Since ancient times the Government of Nepal have enjoyed various facilities at our ports. In 1960 the nature of these facilities was formalised in terms of the Treaty of Trade and Transit signed in that year between India and Nepal.

Under the terms of the 1960 Treaty of Trade and Transit, Nepal was granted free warehousing facilities at the port of Calcutta, something which has not been provided by India to any other country.

During the Indo-Nepal Trade talks held in Kathmandu in December, 1966 the Nepalese side put forward a proposal for the provision of separate self-contained space for handling of Nepalese cargo at Indian ports. The Indian side agreed to the above proposal and this was incorporated in a Memorandum of Understanding between the two delegations signed on 27th December, 1966. The relevant portion of the Memorandum is reproduced below:-

"In regard to the future, the following modifications to the Protocol and the Memorandum dated 11th September, 1960 relating to the procedure to be followed for traffic in transit to or from Nepal from or to third countries were agreed upon;

(i) Nepalese importers will instruct their handling agents at the port of Calcutta, and the Port Commissioners will provide adequate facilities to move all Nepalese import cargo from the point at which it is off-loaded to the transit shed mentioned in paragraph 4 of the Protocol to the Treaty of Trade and Transit, 1960, in the first instance.

(ii) The Indian customs authorities will make special administrative arrangements to supervise

the expeditious clearance of Nepalese import cargo from the transit shed mentioned in (i) above."

#### REORGANISATION OF COMMITTEE ON PLAN PROJECTS

394. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee on Plan Projects set up by National Development Council is likely to be reorganised in the light of the Administrative Reforms Commission's report; and

(b) if so, in what manner?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) and (b) The question of reorganisation of the Committee on Plan Projects is still under consideration. The final recommendations of the Administrative Reforms Commission are awaited.

#### NATIONAL INCOME AND PER CAPITA INCOME

395. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the rate of growth of the national income and per capita income during the first year of the fourth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether it is a fact that the growth has been far below the targets fixed in the draft outline of the Fourth Five Year Plan and also less than that during the Third Five Year Plan; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to increase per capita income?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) The low agricultural production due to severe droughts and the consequential slowing down of industrial production depressed the rate of growth of the National Income to 1.7 per cent and per capita income to (—) 0.7 per cent in 1966-67.

(b) Yes, Sir.