

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY (SARDAR IQBAL SINGH): (a) The following steps have been taken to popularise Hotel Ranjit:—

- (i) Wide publicity has been given in newspapers and magazines;
- (ii) *Improvement in the service facilities:*
 - (a) Reception lounge has been air-conditioned.
 - (b) Telephones in the rooms have been increased from 35 to 85.
 - (c) Bar service facilities to the extent permissible under the Delhi Excise Rules have been provided.
 - (d) Some of the residential rooms have been air-conditioned and some more are being air-conditioned.
 - (e) Service facilities to the clients have been progressively improved.

(b) Hotel Ranjit was inaugurated in November 1965, with 100 beds only, and was commissioned to full capacity of 242 beds during September-October, 1966. The average occupancy has increased from 40 per cent during July-September, 1966 to 48 per cent during October, 1966 to February, 1967.

(c) 1966-67 will be the first complete financial year of the Hotel and the financial results for this year will be known only at the close of the year.

D. A. COMMISSION REPORT

101. SHRI D. THENGARI:
SHRI JAGAT NARAIN:
SARDAR RAM SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gajendragadkar Commission on the Dearness Allowance payable to Government employees has submitted its final report; if so, what are the main recommendations made therein and Government's decision thereon;

(b) whether it is a fact that government have decided to revise the rates of D.A. payable to different categories of Government employees; if so, the revised scales fixed in the light of this report; and

(c) what was the average of the All India Working Class Consumer Price Index Number at the end of each month since August, 1966?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MORARJI R. DESAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) As the final report is still awaited the question of any revision on that basis does not arise.

(c) The 12-monthly average of the All India Working Class Consumer Price Index (base, 1949-100) for the months since August, 1966 is given below:—

| Month | 12-Monthly Average |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| August, 1966 .. | 177.50 |
| September, 1966 .. | 179.08 |
| October, 1966 .. | 180.75 |
| November, 1966 .. | 182.50 |
| December, 1966 .. | 184.50 |
| January, 1967 .. | 186.50 |

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102. SHRI NIREN GHOSH:
SHRI ARJUN ARORA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the reply given to