

release the US AID cargoes destined for Pakistan which were detained at the Indian Ports during the emergency;

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, what is the amount of cargo released by Government so far;

(c) whether Pakistan Government have acted reciprocally; and

(d) if so, the quantity of our cargo released by them so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) So far 3 patrol boats have been released for shipment to Pakistan.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No US AID cargo has so far reached India from Pakistan.

TRADE UNIONS' REPRESENTATIVE CHARACTER

*157. SHRI P. K. KUMARAN: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Study Group of the Panel on Labour Policy of the Planning Commission has recommended ballot among workers for determining the representative character of trade unions; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, whether Government propose to take any action pursuant to this recommendation?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI ASOKA MEHTA): (a) This is one of the suggestions made by the Study Group.

(b) The suggestions made by different Study Groups constituted by the Panel on Labour are being processed and will be placed before the Panel for final recommendations.

†INDUSTRIALISTS' MEETING WITH THE LATE PRIME MINISTER

*29. SHRI S. S. MARISWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a 12-member delegation of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry met the late Prime Minister in December, 1965 and explained to him the difficulties hampering industrial production in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the reactions of the Government of India in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI SACHINDRA CHAUDHURI):

(a) Yes, Sir, a delegation of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry waited on the late Prime Minister to explain to him their difficulties which were stated to hamper industrial production in the country.

(b) Government are aware of some difficulties in the way of industrial production and are constantly endeavouring to remove them.

FOREIGN COLLABORATION WITH INDIA

*160. { SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA:
SHRI BABUBHAI
M. CHINAI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a sharp fall in the number of foreign collaborations and foreign investments in India during the quarter, July-September, 1965;

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, the reasons therefor;

(c) the present number of foreign collaborators in India;

†Transferred from the 15th February, 1966.