

of the General Manager of the Company were searched and not the residences of the Directors and the Chairman of the Company.

(d) The Directors of the Company were not concerned according to the evidence available.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

पूर्वी पाकिस्तान की सीमा पर तस्कर व्यापार

*७५६. श्री गिरिराज किशोर कपूर : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पश्चिमी बंगाल-पूर्वी पाकिस्तान सीमा पर स्थित स्वरूपनगर थाने के हकीमपुर गांव में तस्कर व्यापारियों का केन्द्र है; और

(ख) यदि हां तो इस बारे में सरकार ने क्या कार्यवाही की है?

†[SMUGGLING ON THE EAST PAKISTAN BORDER

*756 SHRI G. K. KAPOOR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that village Hakeempur under the jurisdiction of Swarup Nagar Police Station and situated on the West Bengal—East Pakistan border is a centre for smugglers; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government in this connection?

वित्त मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री रामेश्वर साहू): (क) हाल के महीनों में इस गांव में और इसके इर्द-गिर्द कई तस्कर सम्बन्धी मामलों का पता लगा है।

(ख) हकीमपुर से लगभग ५ मील दूर बिठारी में सीमा-शुल्क चौकी पर तैनात पदाधिकारी इस क्षेत्र में रोक-बाम के लिए बहुत गश्त लगाते हैं।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR SAHU): (a) A number of smuggling cases have been detected in and around this village in recent months.

(b) The officers posted at the Customs Checkpost at Bithari about 5 miles from Hakeempur conduct intensive preventive patrol in this area.]

काजू के व्यापारियों द्वारा कर की चोरी

*७५८. श्री महाबीर दास : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि नवम्बर, १९६४ के अन्तिम सप्ताह में कच्चा काजू आयात करने वाली बम्बई की कुछ फर्मों आयकर की चोरी के सिलसिले में पकड़ी गयी थीं; और

(ख) यदि उपरोक्त भाग (क) का उत्तर 'हां' हो तो उन फर्मों के नाम क्या-क्या हैं और उन्होंने कितने आयकर की चोरी की?

†[TAX EVASION BY CASHEW MERCHANTS

*758. SHRI MAHABIR DASS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain Bombay firms engaged in the import of raw cashewnuts were detected during the last week of November, 1964 for evading income-tax; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, the names of the firms and the extent of the evasion of income-tax?]

वित्त मन्त्रालय में उपमन्त्री (श्री रामेश्वर साहू): (क) जी, हाँ।

(ख) अभी फर्मों के नाम बताना बांछनीय न होगा क्योंकि जांच-पड़ताल अभी तक भी चल रही है। जांच-पड़ताल पूरी हो जाने के बाद इस बात का पता लगेगा कि यदि कर की चोरी हुई है तो वह किस सीमा तक हुई है।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAM-ESHWAR SAHU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It would not be desirable to give the names of the firms at this stage as the investigations are still pending. The extent of tax-evasion, if any, will be known after the investigations are completed.]

CONSUMERS' PRICE INDEX AND DEARNESS ALLOWANCE

*767. SHRI P. K. KUMARAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the latest consumers' price index for the working class;

(b) whether the average increase in the consumers' index for the last twelve months is more than 10 points; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative, whether Government propose to revise the structure of dearness allowance admissible to Central Government employees?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT): (a) According to the latest report from the Labour Bureau, the All India Working Class Consumer Price Index was 163 for October, 1964.

†[] English translation.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The rates will be revised after taking into account the report of the one-man Independent Body for Dearness Allowance.

COMPENSATION TO BANK OF CHINA EMPLOYEES

*768. SHRI D. THENGARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chinese employees of the Bank of China were paid their legitimate dues by Government while the same were denied to the Indian employees at the time of taking the bank into liquidation; and

(b) if the reply to part (a) be in the affirmative, the reasons therefor

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT): (a) No. There has been no such discrimination.

(b) Does not arise.

IMBALANCE IN BACKWARD REGIONS

*769. SHRI S. K. VAISHAMPAYEN: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state whether the Planning Commission has kept removal of imbalance in backward regions as one of the objectives of the Fourth Five Year Plan and if so, what are the special schemes proposed in the fields of industry and power in respect of Marathwada and Konkan regions of Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT): Yes sir. Attention of the Hon. Member is invited to pages 84-85 (paras 8-10) of the Memorandum on the Fourth Five Year Plan. Details of States Fourth Five Year Plans have yet to be formulated.

CALORIE-CONTENT OF FOOD

*770. SHRI KRISHAN DUTT: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state: