

(b) if fee 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 उपसंजी (श्री रामेश्वर साहू): (क) जी, हां।

(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।

f [THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR 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 employee.¹?

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: