

if PENSION TO EX-CENTRAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES RESIDING IN GOA

192. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to grant pension to the ex-Central Government employees residing in Goa;

(b) if so, what is the number of ex-Central employees and how much pension will be granted to them; and

(c) since when their pensions were not paid and whether the arrears of pensions for the past period will also be paid to them?]

प्रधान मंत्री तथा वैदेशिक कार्य मंत्री (श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू) : (क) से (ग) दिसम्बर, १९५५ में गोवा-स्थित भारतीय प्रधान कंसुलावास बंद हो जाने के बाद, भारत सरकार ने मारगोआ में एक पेंशन कार्यालय मार्च, १९५७ में खोला था। तब से यह कार्यालय गोवा में रहनेवाले सभी पूर्व-केन्द्रीय सरकारी कर्मचारियों को पेंशन बांटता रहा है। पेंशन पाने वाले इन कर्मचारियों की संख्या ६०० के लगभग है और त्रै-मासिक किश्तों में पेंशन दिये जाने की विधि अपनाई गई है। इन पेंशनों की अदायगी में किसी तरह की बाधा नहीं पड़ी। दिसम्बर, १९६१ से मार्च, १९६२ तक की अवधि के लिये ६५,००० रुपये की राशि इस महीने के दौरान में वितरित की जा रही है।

[THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU) : (a) to (c) After the closure of the Indian Consulate General in Goa in September, 1955, the Government of India established a Pension Office at Margao in March, 1957. Since then this office has continued to disburse pensions to all ex-Central Government employees residing in Goa. There are approximately 600 such pensioners and the

system adopted is to effect payment in quarterly instalments. There has been no interruption in payment of these pensions. An amount of Rs. 95,000 covering the period December, 1961 to March, 1962 is being disbursed during this month.] INDIANS AS POLITICAL HOSTAGES IN PORTUGAL

256-A. SHRI J. S. PILLAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the number of Indians kept as political hostages by Portugal?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU) : At the time of the liberation of Goa, Daman and Diu, the Government of Portugal interned 2,239 Indian nationals resident in Portuguese colonies. These persons are expected to be released shortly in accordance with an agreement reached between the Government of India and the Government of Portugal.

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PAPER LAID ON THE TABLE

STATEMENT RE. RESIGNATION OF HOOGHLY PILOTS

SHRI BIREN ROY (West Bengal): What happened to my notice of Motion for Papers?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) : Sir, I have to make a statement in regard to the resignation of 40 Pilots of the Hooghly Pilot Service in Calcutta. It is a long statement. May I lay it on the Table?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Is it a long statement?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: It is a four-page statement.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA (West Bengal): Sir, I suggest that it be laid on the Table. Tomorrow we will ask a few questions on it.

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