

SHRI TAYABJEE'S ARTICLE IN THE 'ANNUAL INDIA YEAR BOOK' ON GERMANY'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS INDIA IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION.

•424. SHRI A. D. MANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a contribution made by the former Ambassador of India in West Germany, Shri Badruddin Tayabjee in the 'Annual India Year Book' on Germany's attitude towards India in matters of economic co-operation;

(b) if so, who authorised the publication of the article; and

(c) whether the views expressed by the writer have the approval of the Government of India?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON): (a) Yes, Sir; the article in question was actually published in a Republic Day Brochure, issued by the Indian Embassy at Bonn this January.

(b) The sanction for the publication of the brochure which contained the article was given by the Ministry of External Affairs; but the selection of the material for inclusion in it was, as usual, left to the discretion of the Ambassador concerned.

(c) The Ambassador was expressing his personal views, and Government's previous approval was not necessary. There may be difference of opinion as to whether and how an Ambassador should express his views in public in regard to the country to which he is accredited, but Government do not think that Shri Tayabjee committed any indiscretion in expressing himself in the manner he did.

SHRI A. D. MANI: Is it a fact that the Ambassador stated in the article that, there is in Germany a curious lack of responsibility for what is

happening in the outside world sometimes even when what is happening is a direct outcome of something which they themselves have done?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: That is not only the opinion of our Ambassador but many other people also think that way.

SHRI A. D. MANI: Would a statement of that sort help better Indo-German relations?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: The Germans themselves have not understood it the way that we have understood it.

DIWAN CH AMAN LALL: Is it not a fact that Mr. Tayabjee expressed a feeling which is world-wide in respect of the German Government?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: That is exactly what I said, Sir.

केन्द्रीय लोक-कर्म विभाग की भ्रष्टाचार-विरोधी समिति

*४२५. श्री नवाबसिंह चौहान : क्या निर्माण, आवास और संभरण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) केन्द्रीय लोक-कर्म विभाग में भ्रष्टाचार की जांच करने वाली समिति के पास अब तक कितने सुझाव आ चुके हैं ;

(ख) क्या इन सुझावों की प्राप्ति की सूचना सुझाव भेजने वालों के पास भेजी जाती है ;

(ग) कितने संसद्-सदस्यों ने सुझाव भेजे हैं और उनमें से कितने राज्य सभा के सदस्य हैं ; और

(घ) क्या इन की प्राप्ति की सूचना सुझाव भेजने वाले संसद्-सदस्यों को भेजी गयी, और यदि नहीं, तो इसका क्या कारण है ?

†[] Hindi transliteration.