

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. M. THOMAS): (a) and (b). Full particulars have been called for from the Chief Commissioner, Andaman and Nicobar Islands and will be placed on the Table of the House when received.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know, Sir, if the hon. Minister has got any information as to what were the reasons for rejection of the previous tenders which were invited after sufficient care?

SHRI A. M. THOMAS: Sir, we have got only some scrappy information. So, we have called for further information from the Andamans administration, and on receipt of that we will place the information on the Table of the House.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know, Sir, if the hon. Minister has received any protest letter from the Congress Committee or Congress workers against this irregularity as some fishy motives have been suspected behind these tenders?

SHRI A. M. THOMAS: No, Sir, if my hon. friend has got any information and if she passes it on to me, we will certainly look into that matter.

TOUR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTRES BY A TEAM FROM CAMBODIA

*416. SHRI S. PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a team from Cambodia came to India to tour the Community Development Centres; and

(b) if so, which places were visited by the team and what recommendations, if any, were made by them?

THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI S. D. MISRA):

(a) and (b). Four teams from Cambodia came to India during the last one year or so. Of these, two teams (one consisting of six Community Development Officers and the other of forty students) visited some Community Development Blocks and Training Centres. No recommendations have been made by them to the Ministry.

SHRI S. PANIGRAHI: May I know, Sir, whether the team was sponsored by the United Nations Economic Mission for South-East Asia or by the Government of India?

SHRI S. D. MISRA: It was sponsored by the Technical Co-operation Mission, America.

SHRI S. PANIGRAHI: May I know, Sir, whether any teams from India have gone to Cambodia to study the community development work there?

SHRI S. D. MISRA: No, Sir.

LOAN FOR DELHI TRANSPORT UNDERTAKING

*417. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Transport Undertaking has approached the Government of India for an additional loan of Rs. 30 lakhs to buy another 50 buses during the year 1960-61; and

(b) if so, whether any decision has been taken on this request?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS, (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) Yes.

(b) The matter is under consideration.