

वैदेशिक कार्य मंत्रालय में मितव्ययता

*४८०. श्री राम सहाय : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि सरकार ने वैदेशिक कार्य मंत्रालय (विदेशों में स्थित भारतीय मिशनों सहित) के पदाधिकारियों को मकान किराया तथा फर्नीचर, आदि में दस प्रतिशत कमी करने के लिये जो अनुदेश जारी किये थे उनके परिणामस्वरूप किस सीमा तक बचत हुई ?

†[ECONOMY EFFECTED IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS]

*480. SHRI RAM SAHAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the extent of economies effected as a result of the instructions issued by Government to the Officers of the Ministry of External Affairs (including the Indian Missions abroad) regarding ten percent cut in house rent and furniture, etc.?

वैदेशिक कार्य उपमंत्री (श्रीमती लक्ष्मी मेनन) : विदेश मंत्रालय और विदेश स्थित भारतीय मिशनों/कन्सुलों में किराया के उपाय बरतने के फलस्वरूप, मकान किराया, मकानों के रख-रखाव, फर्नीचर, सामान और उपकरण की खरीद तथा आपातक व्यव (कान्टिनजेंट एक्सपेंडिचर) जैसे मदों पर १९५७-५८ के वित्तीय वर्ष में १६,२८,०३९ रुपये की बचत हुई ।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON): As a result of economy measures adopted in the Ministry of External Affairs and in Indian Missions/Posts abroad a sum of Rs. 16,28,039 was saved in the financial year 1957-58 on items like rent and maintenance of buildings, purchase of furniture, stores and equipment and other contingent expenditure.]

†[] English translation.

श्री राम सहाय : क्या मैं यह जान सकूंगा कि क्या यह स्कीम दूसरी मिनिस्ट्रीज में भी चल रही है अथवा नहीं ?

श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू : जाहिर है, हर मिनिस्ट्री में यह कोशिश होती है । एक बात मैं बता दूँ, ताकि आपको कोई धोखा न रहे कि हमेशा किसी काम का छोड़ देना इकोनामी नहीं है यानी जो काम हम करने वाले हैं वह न करें । इस तरह की इकोनामी होती है कि काम भी हो और खर्चा कम हो ।

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARMANAND: Is it a fact that for accommodation of a flat provided in the American building of our Embassy for a senior officer of the Embassy, he is being paid an amount of one thousand dollars as house rent?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: I do not know what the hon. Member means by American building. In what city, where?

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARMANAND: In Washington, our Embassy building.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Our Embassy has a chancery, it has Ambassador's residence.

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARMANAND: That accommodation is provided for him in our building, in the Government building. Is he being paid one thousand dollars as house rent?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Per month?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: I shall enquire about it. I do not know.

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARMANAND: Are the officers in the various Embassies who are being provided entertainment allowance required to reimburse the unspent amount to Government?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: These rules in regard to these matters have been undergoing changes. I think the latest rules we are framing, or we have framed, are that we have divided up what was called fare and entertainment allowance. One part which was really not entertainment but for other purposes is given to them for which no particular account is to be given. So far as the real entertainment allowance part is concerned, it is kept in a common pool from which it can be drawn. If anything is left over it remains in the pool.

*481. [The questioner (Shri Bhupesh Gupta) was absent. For answer, vide col. 2802 infra.]

AGREEMENT TO SELL SEWING MACHINES TO YUGOSLAVIA

*482. **SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND:** Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether an agreement has been reached with the Government of Yugoslavia for the supply of Indian made sewing machines to that country;

(b) if so, how many sewing machines have so far been supplied; and

(c) whether some orders for the supply of sewing machines have been received from some other countries, if so, what are the names of those countries?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI N. KANUNGO): (a) A contract has been entered into for the supply of 47,500 machine-heads to Yugoslavia.

(b) 3,400 machines.

(c) Yes, Sir; from the U.K., U.S.A. and Canada.

SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND: May I know, Sir, the make of the sewing machine which has been approved and which is being exported and

may I know where it is manufactured and what foreign exchange it is earning?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: The Yugoslavia contract is for the 'Usha' brand of sewing machines and the total value of the whole contract will be Rs. 3,166,663. At present 3,400 machines only have been accepted; the rest will be accepted by the buyers after inspection.

SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND: May I know, Sir, whether these 'Usha' machines are wholly manufactured in India or some parts of it are imported from outside?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: It is almost wholly manufactured in India, except for minor parts which cost less than Rs. 10.

SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND: May I know, Sir, whether these sewing machines, which are sent, are examined before they are sent out and do they maintain the prescribed standard and does Government see to it that only standard machines are exported?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: Yes, Sir. Apart from the inspection that the factory does, the buyers' representatives inspect the machines before shipment and the manufacturers are planning to maintain after-sales service over there.

SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND: May I know if Government propose to give some special facilities to the manufacturers to promote more manufacture and more export of these sewing machines?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: Yes. Facilities available under the export promotion scheme are available to this firm which is a prominent member of the Engineering Export Promotion Council.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know what is the excess of production over the normal demands in our country?