

CASH BALANCE OF INDIAN EMBASSY IN
WASHINGTON

188. DR. R. P. DUBE: Will the Minister for FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the average cash balance held by the Indian Embassy and by the India Supply Mission at Washington during the calendar year 1953;

(b) the total disbursements of these two bodies during the calendar year 1953;

(c) whether the cash balance of these two bodies are deposited with any bank in the United States; and

(d) whether there is any branch of any Indian bank in the United States of America?

THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE (SHRI C. D. DESHMUKH): (a) About Rs. 9.5 lakhs, so far as the Indian Embassy, Washington, is concerned. It is not in the public interest to give the information in respect of the India Supply Mission.

(b) About Rs. 2.9 crores by the Embassy and about Rs. 43.3 crores by the India Supply Mission.

(c) Yes.

(d) No.

DISCOUNT ON NATIONAL PLAN BONDS

189. SHRI P. C. BHANJ DEO: Will the Minister for FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any discount was allowed on National Plan Bonds issued in June, last year; if so what was the discount on the whole of National Plan Bonds of Rs. 75 crores; and

(b) whether the Reserve Bank was allowed the discount on its purchases of these Bonds?

THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE (SHRI C. D. DESHMUKH): (a) The issue price of the $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. National Plan Bonds was Rs. 98/4/-, i.e., a discount of Rs. 1/12/- for every Rs. 100 of the

Bonds. The total discount allowed amounted to Rs. 1,31,75,000 (roundly).

(b) Yes, Sir.

WAYS AND MEANS ADVANCES TO STATE
GOVERNMENTS

190. SHRI P. C. BHANJ DEO: Will the Minister for FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of temporary ways and means advances given to State Governments during the years 1951-52, 1952-53 and 1953-54;

(b) the Statewise distribution of such advances in 1952-53;

(c) the average rate of interest carried by these temporary advances in each year; and

(d) whether any of these temporary advances has not been repaid by any State Government within the stipulated period during those years?

THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE (SHRI C. D. DESHMUKH):

[In lakhs of Rs.]

(a) 1951-52	Nil
1952-53	23, 89
1953-54	20, 81
(b) Madras (Composite State)	23, 66
Rajasthan.	23

(c) 3 per cent. per annum during both the years.

(d) Rs. 17 crores out of the advances for 1952-53 and about Rs. 11 crores out of the advances for 1953-54 to the Composite State of Madras are outstanding, the terms of repayment having not yet been determined.

INTEREST PAID BY STATES ON CENTRAL
LOANS

191. SHRI P. C. BHANJ DEO: Will the Minister for FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of interest paid by the Governments of West Bengal, Bihar, Orissa, Punjab, Raj-