

MR. CHAIRMAN : It does not arise out of that visit.

FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS

*222. SHRI SARDAR SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in some of our embassies abroad the members of our Foreign Service are paid less than their opposite numbers in the Pakistan embassies ; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in the matter ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A. K. CHANDA) : (a.) The Government of India have no precise information about the scales of pay and allowances of the Pakistan Foreign Service. But they have received reports from various places which indicate that Pakistan officials are better paid, in the shape of salaries or allowances, than our officials abroad of a similar rank.

(b) The Government of India do not propose to enter into a competition with any other Government in this matter. They are interested in fixing rates of pay and allowances which are considered suitable for a particular post. Where these are considered insufficient, a revision is undertaken. In fact such a revision is being considered now in regard to the foreign allowances of some of their representatives and staff abroad.

SHRI SARDAR SINGH : May I know whether it is not known to the Government that in a number of countries most of our people are very definitely underpaid and that they cannot live properly in those countries ?

SHRI A. K. CHANDA : We have received quite a number of representations about the insufficiency of our scales of salaries and emoluments and as I indicated in the answer, this question is being considered now. Recently our Finance Secretary, Mr. K. R. K. Menon and an Ambassador in Europe— Mr. Chakrabarty—were requested to

visit some of the embassies abroad; and submit a report and the report is under the consideration of the Government at the moment.

SHRI SARDAR SINGH : Is that being done with regard to all our embassies abroad or only with respect to particular countries.

SHRI A. K. CHANDA : The intention of the Government is to review the whole case.

SHRI B. GUPTA : The hon. Minister has mentioned about revision. May I know how this revision is affecting public exchequer, plus or minus ?

SHRI A. K. CHANDA : It is being considered and no decision has yet been arrived at.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Mr. Mazumdar's question will be taken up at the end. Mr. Ranga is not here. Mr. Ghose.

FIVE YEAR PLAN

♦225. SHRI B. C. GHOSE : Will the Minister for PLANNING be pleased; to state :

(0) the amounts estimated in the Five Year Plan for expenditure and the amounts actually spent during the periods (i) 1951-52, and (ii) 1952 "Up" to-date, separately for the public and private sectors ;

(b) the results aimed at and actually achieved ; and

(c) in the event of any short fall either in amounts spent or results achieved compared to what was estimated in the Plan, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR PLANNING & IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI J. S. L. HATHI) : (a) to (c). Up-to-date information is being ascertained from the Central Ministries as well as from the State Governments.