

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 :

(a) 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.

The information will be laid on the Table of the Council.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE : Am I to understand that under the Five Year Plan though since the end of first year, nine months have elapsed, still Government have no information as to what has been the nature of implementation of the plan during the first year ?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI : We have got information but it is not yet up-to-date and therefore we have asked for figure from the different State Governments

SHRI B. C. GHOSE : Since the hon. Minister has agreed that they really have not any definite information.....

MR. CHAIRMAN : He said not complete information.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE : That is to say not up-to-date information, will Government consider taking more vigorous measures to see that the plan of which so much is spoken is really going to be implemented in the proper manner ?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI : May I submit that the question wanted certain information regarding the public and private sectors, and that information is not yet completely available.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE : Which information is not completely available and which is completely available ? Is it available in the public sector or in the private sector ? Is it completely available in the public sector ?

(No answer.)

KHWAJA INAIT ULLAH : The hon. Minister said that information is not up-to-date. May I know up to what date is the information available ?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI : For 1951-52.

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY : In view of the incompleteness of the information, will the hon. Minister at least give us an indication as to that part of the plan referring to 1951-52 implemented up

to now ? Could he give some indication ?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI : It is in the report itself.

MR. CHAIRMAN : You get whatever information is available.

TELEVISION OF HISTORICAL SITES

*225. SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA

(a) Will the Minister for INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state whether foreigners are permitted to televise historical sites as well as other objects of interest to them ?

(b) If so, are negatives of such films submitted to Government for scrutiny, or exposed films allowed to be carried out of the country ?

(c) Have Government received any protest from any individuals or associations against foreigners being permitted to televise historical sites and other objects of interest, and if so, what are their names ?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR) : (a) Producers of films, whether Indian or foreign, are ordinarily permitted to film protected monuments, subject to certain conditions. For filming other objects of interest no specific permission is required. It is not possible to say which of the films taken by the foreign producers were meant for use in television circuits.

(b) Negatives are not required to be submitted for scrutiny ; there is no ban on the export of films.

(c) Yes, Sir, from the Cine Technicians Association of South India.

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA : May I know whether the Taj Mahal has been photographed for television ?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR : It is very likely. I am not able to say for certain, but it is very likely.