

Power Plant of the Durgapur Steel Plant on the 2nd November, 1959;

(b) if so, the details of the same;

(c) the steps taken by Government to remedy it; and

(d) whether any penalty has been imposed therefor on Indian Steel Works Company Limited?

**The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh):** (a) to (d). No new defects were noticed on 2nd November, 1959 in the power plant of Durgapur Steel Plant. On 22nd October, 1959 it was noticed that R.C. Water duct of the Power Plant had developed some cracks. After investigating the matter the contractors took immediate remedial measures by insertion of welded steel pipes within the R.C. Duct and by reinforcing and pressure grouting the space in between the steel and concrete ducts.

Under the contract all defects in the plant have to be rectified by Indian Steel Works Construction Co. Ltd. at their own cost.

**सरदार वल्लभ भाई पटेल की मूर्ति**

\*११६४-क. श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री :  
क्या गृह-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इंडिय गेट के सामने सरदार वल्लभभाई पटेल की मूर्ति स्थापित करने के लिये कोई सुझाव प्राप्त हुआ है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार की उसके प्रति क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

**गृह-कार्य मंत्री (श्री गो० ब० पन्त) :**

(क) और (ख) यह सुझाव नई दिल्ली म्युनिसिपल कमिटी को मिला था जिन्होंने इसे दिल्ली के उचित स्थानों पर मूर्तियां लगाने से सम्बन्धित सलाहकार समिति के सामने रख दिया। इस काम के लिये सब से अच्छी जगह के सवाल और दूसरी

सम्बन्धित बातों पर गौर किया जा रहा है।

#### **American Aid to India**

\*1164-B. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government of India has been drawn to a United States Government report alleging shortcomings in the handling of aid to India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai):** (a) Yes, Sir. Certain reports on this subject have appeared in the Press.

(b) According to Press Reports the results of audit of the U.S. aid programme in India from July 1954 to June, 1958 have recently been published in U.S.A. The audit report is said to contain some observations regarding inadequate reporting by Government of India to the International Co-operation Administration of U.S.A., inadequate staffing of the I.C.A. Mission in India, some instances of ineffective utilisation of aid goods and certain problems in administration of local currency funds accruing to the U.S. account. The report is also said to accept on the whole that the project objectives in the different aid programmes in India have been met and that administrative and accounting arrangements in India have improved considerably.

#### **Foreign Nationals without Passports**

\*1165. { **Shri Rameshwar Taatia:**  
**Shri Anirudh Sinha:**  
**Shri S. A. Mehdi:**  
**Shrimati Manjula Devi:**

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of foreign nationals have been detected to be living in Durgapur, Asansol, Burnpur and other places without valid travel documents and passports;

(b) if so, to which country these nationals belong;

(c) how they managed to come in the country without passports; and

(d) what further action has been taken against them?

**The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri G. B. Pant):** (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as available.

#### Indo-Pak Financial Talks

\*1166. { Shri P. G. Deb:  
Shri Ram Krishna Gupta:  
Shri Hem Barua:  
Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting of the officials of India and Pakistan took place on the 8th December, 1959 in New Delhi;

(b) if so, the topics discussed; and

(c) the results of the conference?

**The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai):** (a) to (c). Attention is invited to the statement I made in the House on 18th December, 1959.

#### Seizure of Knives in Delhi

\*1167. { Shri Mohan Swarup:  
Shri P. C. Borooah:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over 2,000 knives have been seized by Delhi Police in the month of November, 1959; and

(b) whether the Police authorities have been able to find out the purpose for which knives in such large numbers were being stored?

**The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri G. B. Pant):** (a) Yes.

(b) It appears that most of the knives were kept for sale.

#### Military Training for Youths

\*1168. { Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:  
Shri Ram Krishna Gupta:  
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a scheme has been drawn up by the Government of India to bring under arms more than two lakh youths of the country in the age-groups of 15 and 19;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) when it will be enforced?

**The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon):** (a) to (c). The details of a scheme for a large increase in the N.C.C. have been considered and progressively worked out. It is planned to initiate the necessary steps shortly. The age group we have at present under consideration is 16 to 19.

#### Smuggling of Gold

\*1168-A. Shrimati Maftida Ahmed:  
Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Bombay Customs have recently detected smuggling of gold in powdered form through postal envelopes; and

(b) if so, the broad details thereof?

**The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha):** (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. In pursuance of prior information that Shri Vrijlal VasANJI Lalji, Bombay was receiving gold in powdered form from Aden through the medium of the post. On 2nd December, 1959, the Bombay Customs authorities searched his premises and recovered three envelopes, which had just been delivered, containing about one tola of gold each in powdered form. Immediately on the recovery of