

Strike in State Bank in 1960

2583. { **Shri Bade:**
Shri Brij Raj Singh:
Shri Lahri Singh:
Shri Kachhavalaya:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) how many State Bank of India employees took part in the strike of March, 1960;

(b) how many of them have been suspended; and

(c) how many have been charge-sheeted?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) About 18,000 employees in the categories of clerical, cash and subordinate staff participated in the strike of March, 1960.

(b) and (c). No employee was suspended or charge-sheeted on account of his having taken part in the strike.

State Bank of India Union

2584. { **Shri Bade:**
Shri Brij Raj Singh:
Shri Lahri Singh:
Shri Kachhavalaya:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the State Bank has withdrawn the facilities given to the Employees' Union prior to strike of March, 1960, for example, withdrawal of special Savings Bank rate and withdrawal of facilities given to the Union to deduct the subscription of the Union from the salaries?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): The rate of interest allowed by the State Bank of India on the funds of its employees' unions held in the savings bank accounts at certain offices was reviewed and re-fixed in September, 1961 on business considerations and principles and in order to facilitate the adoption of a

uniform practice in all offices. The facility given to the unions to deduct their subscriptions from the employees' salaries was discontinued by the Bank from June, 1960, on the advice of its solicitors that such deductions were not permissible under the provisions of the Payment of Wages Act, 1936. The State Bank was not influenced, in taking these decisions by the strike of the employees in March, 1960.

Fire Control Radars

2585. Shri Basumatari: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) when the manufacturing of fire control radars will be taken up; and

(b) which foreign firm has entered into agreement?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon): (a) Such equipment is under production.

(b) Messrs. Contraves of Switzerland.

Defence Production Conference, 1961

2586. Shri Basumatari: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the main recommendations made by the Defence Production Conference, 1961;

(b) how many of them have been accepted; and

(c) how many of them have been implemented?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence (Shri Raghuramalah): (a) to (c). It is not in public interest to discuss the main recommendations made by the Defence Production Conference 1961. The Conference was held to discuss the following:

- (i) ways and means of accelerating the achievement of self-sufficiency as far as possible for service requirements of