

4 अप्रैल, 1967 के असाफल्य प्रश्न संख्या 428 के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करें कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने इस बीच इस बारे में जानकारी इकट्ठी कर ली है कि मध्य प्रदेश सरकार द्वारा खंड विकास अधिकारी के पद को समाप्त करने का निर्णय पूरी तरह से क्रियान्वित कर दिया गया है अथवा नहीं; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस पद के समाप्त करने के क्या लाभ निकले हैं ?

साथ, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अन्नासाहेब शिन्दे) : (क) मध्य प्रदेश सरकार ने खण्ड विकास अधिकारियों के पदों को समाप्त करने के फलस्वरूप खण्ड संगठन के लिए अन्य प्रबन्ध करने के बारे में विस्तृत अनुदेश केवल हाल ही में जारी किये हैं।

(ख) नई प्रणाली से होने वाले लाभों का अनुमान इतनी जल्दी नहीं लगाया जा सकता है।

#### Foreign Tourist

1554. Shri Balraj Madhak:  
Shri A. B. Vajpayee:

Will the Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of foreign tourists who visited India during 1966-67;

(b) their break-up, country-wise; and

(c) the foreign exchange earned through tourist traffic during the above period?

The Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation (Dr. Karan Singh): (a) The tourist arrival statistics are compiled on the basis of calendar year. The number of tourists who visited India during the calendar year 1966 was 159,603.

(b) A statement showing the break-up by countries of nationality for the year 1966 is placed on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-533/67].

(c) The estimate of foreign exchange earning due to tourism for the year 1966 is not yet available.

#### Soviet Agricultural Experts

1555. Shri Dattatraya Kunte:  
Shri H. P. Chatterjee:  
Shri S. C. Samanta:  
Shri Yashpal Singh:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the five member team of Soviet Agricultural Experts met him in March, 1967 and discussed with him the agricultural problems in India;

(b) if so, what were the suggestions made by them to make India self-sufficient in food in the near future; and

(c) whether they were invited to visit this country or they came of their own accord?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Anasahib Shinde): (a) Yes Sir. But the Team consisted of four agricultural scientists.

(b) The Team did not give any specific suggestions. They observed the research work being conducted in India in the field of agriculture and animal husbandry at some important centres and exchanged views with agricultural scientists.

(c) The visit of the Agricultural scientists arose out of the discussions which the then Minister of Food and Agriculture had with the Minister of Agriculture, U.S.S.R. on the desirability of exchange of visits between agricultural scientists of the two countries, during the Minister's visit to Moscow in July, 1966.