

अमेरिका से किसी प्रकार की सैनिक सहायता नहीं लेता ।

(ख) इस समय, इस संबंध में भारत सरकार की कोई प्रतिक्रिया नहीं है क्योंकि अगले वर्ष भारत को मिलने वाली सहायता संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका की कांग्रेस द्वारा अन्तिम रूप से पारित रकमों और विभिन्न देशों के नाम इन रकमों के निर्धारण पर निर्भर करेगी ।

Visit by Japanese Survey Mission

1022. SHRI N. K. SANGHI :
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RIFF :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a Japanese Survey Mission visited India last month to examine the impact of the Japanese aid for the Indian economic development; and

(b) if so, the assessment made by the delegation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) An eight-member Japanese Survey Mission visited India from the 8th January to 28th January, 1970. The purpose of the Mission was to study the utilisation of Japanese economic assistance and its impact of India's development programme.

(b) The Mission is expected to make a report of its findings to the authorities concerned in Japan.

Balance of Trade and Payments During 1969

1023. SHRI N.R. DEOGHARE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) India's balance of trade and balance of payments during 1969 ;

(b) whether this year has been favourable as compared to the previous years ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) and (b). During 1969, India's imports and exports were Rs. 1593 crores and Rs. 1376 crores respectively. The trade deficit of Rs. 217 crores was lower as compared to the previous years, both due to reduction in imports and increase in exports. As regards balance of payments, debt servicing payments were higher than those in the previous years ; net repayments to the IMF during 1969 were also higher at Rs. 111 crores as against the net repayments of Rs. 73 crores in 1968 and the net drawal of Rs. 61.9 crores in 1967. The foreign exchange reserves improved by about Rs. 183.6 crores in 1969, as against Rs. 15 crores in 1968 and Rs. 41.2 crores in 1967.

(c) Does not arise.

Steps to Create Food Surplus

1024. SHRI BENI SHANKER SHARMA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether opinion has been expressed that food surplus was key to growth ;

(b) If so, the steps envisaged to create such conditions ; and

(c) the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) What the Hon'ble Member has in mind is the view frequently expressed that under Indian conditions adequate agricultural development and more especially production of foodgrains, is necessary for smooth economic development. The Government share this view and have accorded the highest priority to the development of agriculture in all the Plans. In recent years efforts in this direction have been intensified.

(b) The steps and measures taken to secure a sustained increase in food output extend over a wide range. These include the development and use of new and high yielding varieties of seeds, the extension of major and minor irrigation facilities,