

(c) Our publicity posts in our missions abroad are generally manned by officers belonging to IFS 'A' & 'B' and the Information Service of India of the Ministry of External Affairs.

(d) The Ministry of External Affairs already works in close coordination with the different wings of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting that are responsible for domestic publicity.

Defence based industries for Ex-servicemen

3144. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the latest progress made in the proposed scheme for the setting up of defence based industries for the benefit of the Ex-servicemen?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI J. B. PATNAIK): There is no scheme under consideration for setting up defence based industries for the benefit of Ex-servicemen.

Programme undertaken by Indian Red Cross in Gujarat

3145. SHRI ARVIND M. PATEL:
SHRI VEKARIA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Red Cross has undertaken any programme in the scarcity area of Gujarat State; and

(b) if so, the outline thereof and area where they are working?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A. K. M. ISHAQUE): (a) Yes, the Indian Red Cross Society has undertaken a limited programme of relief in some of the scarcity areas of Gujarat State.

(b) The Society is operating thirty supplementary milk feeding centres and five medical relief units in some of the pockets of distress in the districts of Kutch, Banskantha, Surendranagar and Ahmedabad.

Conference on Bonus

3146. SHRI C. JANARDHANAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Conference of the Senior Executives of private and public undertakings, trade union leaders and selected members of the academic community was held in New Delhi to discuss on several aspects of the bonus question; and

(b) if so, the subjects discussed and the conclusion reached thereat?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA): (a) and (b). Administrative Staff College of India, Hyderabad, organised a Seminar on Bonus at the India International Centre, New Delhi from 18th December to 20th December, 1974 to discuss problems of bonus in India.

Lock-outs in organised sector

3147. SHRI TUNA ORAON: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state the number of lock-outs declared in the organised sector, State-wise during the years 1972-73, 1973-74 and 1974-75?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA): The attached statement summarises the available information about the number of lock-outs, state-wise, during 1972, 1973 and 1974 (Provisional).