

(b) if so, to what extent and the number of Indian and foreign employees, if any, effected as a result thereof, and

(c) the details regarding the saving as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO) (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. In accordance with Government's policy of keeping under review the staffing requirements of India's Missions/Posts abroad, in the course of the last year or so staff review exercises have been undertaken in regard to our Missions and Posts in London, Dacca, Kathmandu, Bangkok, Rangoon and Karachi. Similar exercises in respect of our Missions & posts in the USA are being undertaken. Precise final manning tables for all these are still being worked out and are not yet available.

(c) Posts rendered surplus in the large Missions are being transferred to those smaller Missions/Posts principally in West Asia and Africa whose personnel needs require to be augmented. Saving being effected in certain places are thus enabling Government to incur additional expenditure in certain other Missions/Posts.

Repressive measures in Pakistan

10203. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the latest developments in Pakistan, including the banning of all political parties and the en-masse resignations by Supreme Court and other Judges; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to have on the spot and first hand appraisal of the reportedly

explosive situation] in Pakistan in the context of the prospects of increasing military aid to Pakistan by China and USA and the need for maintaining peace and security in the region ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Reports and appraisals are sent to Government through diplomatic channels.

Railway Contracts in Pragati Maidan

10204. SHRI R. N. RAKESH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the number of Railway contracts which have been given in Pragati Maidan, New Delhi along with the names of contractors in connection with the Asia 1982 by the Delhi Division of Northern Railway and the methods adopted for this purpose ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): No contract has been given by the Northern Railway in Pragati Maidan in connection with the Asiad 1982.

Appointment of Arbitrators

10205. SHRI R. N. RAKESH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) the number of applications received by the Northern Railway for the appointment of arbitration in 1977-78, 1978-79 and 1979-80, Division-wise;

(b) the number of arbitrations appointed during the above period, Division-wise;