

during the Second Five Year Plan; and

(b) whether Government have received any proposals from the Government of Bombay in this regard?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) and (b). A statement giving the information is laid on the Table. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 118].

Indian Embassy, Washington

574. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 481 on the 30th May, 1957 and state:

(a) the actual expenditure incurred on the Indian Ambassador's office, Washington, during 1956-57, if the accounts have since been closed;

(b) the total number of employees in that Embassy; and

(c) how many officers in that Embassy are paid more than Rs. 2,000 per mensem?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) The expenditure on the Indian Embassy, Washington is debited to different grants controlled by various Ministries. In respect of 1956-57 a total expenditure of Rs. 28,31,949 has been booked so far in the Departmental books against the grant controlled by the Ministry of External Affairs and includes expenditure on the main Chancery and Information Services. As the accounts for the year 1956-57 have not been finally closed, it is not possible to furnish firm figures as some book adjustments are likely to be effected before the accounts are closed.

(b) 90 (Chancery 66 and Information Services 24).

(c) Three officers draw more than Rs. 2,000 p.m. as basic pay. Including foreign allowance, however, 10 officers draw total emoluments exceeding Rs. 2,000 p.m.

Indian Embassy in Peking

575. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred on the Indian Embassy in Peking during 1956-57;

(b) the total number of employees in that Embassy;

(c) how many of these officers are paid more than Rs. 2,000 per mensem;

(d) whether there has been any increase in the expenditure of that year as compared to the previous years; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) The expenditure on the Indian Embassy in Peking is debited to two grants controlled by External Affairs/Defence Ministries. In respect of 1956-57 a total expenditure of Rs. 19,15,151 has been booked so far in the departmental books against the grant controlled by the Ministry of External Affairs and includes expenditure on the main Chancery and Information Services. As the accounts for the year 1956-57 have not been finally closed, it is not possible to furnish firm figures as some book adjustments are likely to be effected before the accounts are closed.

(b) 55 (Chancery 45 and Information Services 10).

(c) Except the Head of the Mission no one draws a salary of more than Rs. 2,000 per mensem as basic pay. (Including Foreign Allowance, however, 2 officers draw total emoluments exceeding Rs. 2,000 per mensem).

(d) and (e). The corresponding figure relating to the year 1955-56 is Rs. 10,13,668. The increase in expenditure during the year 1956-57 as compared with the previous year is very small and negligible.