

facilities to Indian manufacturing concerns?

**The Minister of Finance (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** (a) and (c). Under deferred payment agreements there will be no saving as such of foreign exchange but only a postponement of payments in respect of imports.

In respect of cases totalling Rs. 38.4 crores in all approved since January, 1957 (the date from which the deferred payments scheme was introduced) payments amounting to about Rs. 23 crores has been postponed beyond 1-1-1960.

(b) The type of agreement and the terms of repayment depend on the nature of the Project, the country of supply and so on. But generally speaking the agreements made so far envisage advance payments upto 20% of the value of the goods till the date of shipment and repayment of the balance over a period of 5 to 7 years from the date of shipment in annual or 6 monthly instalments, although in some cases the period may be shorter depending on the time in which a corresponding amount of foreign exchange is earned or saved.

(d). Deferred payments arrangements have been reported to have been made by individual importers for importing their requirement of plant and machinery from the following countries so far:—

United States of America,  
United Kingdom, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Holland, France, Italy, Switzerland, West Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia and Japan.

#### **Recruitment of Persons after Economy Drive**

**526. Shri Sadhu Ram:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) how many Class I to IV persons have been employed after the intro-

duction of Economy Drive under the Government of India;

(b) whether any time-limit has been fixed for banning further recruitment; and

(c) if not, how long it is going to last?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar):**

(a) Recruitment to vacancies in the different classes and grades caused by death or retirement of existing personnel or creation of new posts has to take place continuously throughout the innumerable offices of the Government of India spread all over the country. Information regarding the appointments so made, since the economy drive was started, is not readily available.

(b) and (c). The object of the economy drive was to ensure that Ministries and Departments should pay particular attention to the need for economy in all directions, including economy in staff. For this purpose, economy boards or committees have been formed in each Ministry and Department to scrutinise the existing and proposed activities and expenditure. No new posts are created or existing vacancies filled in any category until the economy board or the committee is fully satisfied that it is necessary to do so. This measure has, undoubtedly, prevented undue expansion of staff in the Ministries and Departments but it is to be noted that it has never been the intention that further recruitment should be stopped altogether.

#### **Section Officers of Central Secretariat Service**

**527. Shri Sadhu Ram:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) how many panels have so far been formed for promotion to grade III (Section Officers) from permanent grade IV of the Central Secretariat Service; and