

Government have reviewed the question of *ex gratia* payment *via* Rs. 200 earlier sanctioned to the family of each trainee who died of food poisoning at the camp and have raised it to Rs. 500 per family.

Professor Harry J. Robinson's Discussion Draft on Foreign Investments in India

334. Shri Parulekar: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Prof. Harry J. Robinson has submitted a discussion draft on policy and laws relating to foreign investments in India;

(b) whether Government had invited a report from him on the subject;

(c) if so, what are the recommendations; and

(d) whether Government have considered them?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) to (d). Prof. Harry J. Robinson, Senior International Economist of the Stanford Research Institute in the United States came to India in 1956 as a Ford Foundation Scholar to study investment opportunities in India. As a result of his study, he prepared a draft report explaining the position on Policy and Laws governing investment in India. Mr. Robinson prepared the draft report as a part of his assignment and made it available to Government. Government had not asked for such a report. The draft gives a factual account of all policies and laws governing private foreign investments in India and makes no recommendations of any kind.

Practical Training in West Germany

335. Shri Ram Krishna: Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question

No. 211 on the 13th August, 1968 and state:

(a) whether the candidates have been selected for giving un-utilised scholarships for practical training in West German industries in different branches of engineering and technology under the Indo-German Industrial Co-operation Scheme; and

(b) if so, whether a copy of the list will be laid on the Table?

The Deputy Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Dr. M. M. Das): (a) The position has not changed. A provisional selection has been made and the list will be finalised as soon as definite information is received on placements in industries in West Germany.

(b) Does not arise.

Writers' Conference at Tashkent

336. Shri Jadhav: Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given financial and any other type of help to the Asian and African Writers' Conference at Tashkent;

(b) how many representatives from India attended the Conference; and

(c) who were the conveners of the Conference?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). No information is available beyond what has appeared in the newspapers or been stated by some individuals who attended the said Conference.

Land Acquisition in Jawalamukhi

337. Shri Hem Raj: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) the area of land that has been acquired or proposed to be acquired for deep drilling and structural drilling in the Jawalamukhi area;