

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Government have been trying for the last few years to restructure the management of Stock Exchanges with a view to ensuring that wider interests are represented on the Governing Boards so that view points other than those of stockbrokers are also taken into account by these Boards while arriving at decisions. A beginning was made with the Calcutta, Madras, Delhi and Ahmedabad Stock Exchanges at the time of renewal of recognition to these Exchanges in 1967 by stipulating a condition that the Rules of these Exchanges be amended to provide for the nomination of a person called "Public Representative", who is unconnected with the securities business and who is of public eminence, on their Governing Boards. In 1980 and 1981, this provision was extended to the Bangalore, Hyderabad and Cochin Stock Exchanges. In December, 1982 the Rules of the Bombay Stock Exchange were also amended, at the instance of Government, providing for the nomination of three "Public Representatives" and a representative of the Reserve Bank of India on the Governing Board of the Exchange. Nominations of these representatives are proposed to be made in the near future. The question of broad basing further the management of other Stock Exchanges is under consideration of Government.

Crisis in Cashew Industry

1016. **SHRI E. BALANANDAN:** Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cashew industry is facing a crisis due to the slump in export markets;

(b) which were the traditional markets to which our cashewnuts were exported; and

(c) what are the steps now being taken for improving the export trade?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) Im-

port price of cashew kernals has registered a decline in the international market.

(b) The traditional market for export of cashew kernels are Australia, Canada, Czechoslovakia, German F. Rep., Hong Kong, Japan, Netherlands, Singapore, U.K., U.S.A., USSR.

(c) Attempts are being made to sell to General Currency Areas and hitherto unexplored markets. Other export promotion measures are also being undertaken by the Cashew Export Promotion Council.

Promotional Avenues for Stagnating Stenographers in A.F.H.Q.

1017. **PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA:** Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in order to bring reapproachment between the agitating DUTA and the Government it has been envisaged that teachers in Delhi Colleges who have completed 15 years of service are to be given promotion to the next grade; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not meeting the same treatment to the stagnating stenographers in the AFHQ and giving the next promotion to those who have put in more than 15 years of service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) The method of appointment, the terms and conditions of Service etc. of Delhi University teachers are entirely different from those of AFHQ Stenographers. Comparison between these two categories is, therefore, not appropriate.

Revamping of Foreign Officers of S.T.C.

1018. **SHRI ERA ANBARASU:** Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of revamping of foreign offices done by the State Trading Corporation in order to boost export; and