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Leakage of Defence Secrets:

1861: SHRI B. D. SINGH:

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SHRI RAJNATHSONKAR SHASTRI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether investigations into the Larkins spy scandal regarding leaking of defence secrets have been completed; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action contemplated by Government in the metter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE HOME AFFAIRS: MINISTRY OF (SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH): (a) and (b) Investigation of the espionage case involving Maj. Genl. (Retd.) F. D. Larkins, AVM (Retd) K. H. Larkins, Lt. Col. (Retd.) Jasbir Singh and Shri Jaspal Singh Gill has been completed and charge-sheets against all the four accused were filed in a Delhi court on February 4, 1984.

The counter-intelligence agencies the concerned police authorities are

constantly vigilant against espionage activities. Sters have also been taken for improving security measures to prevent leakage of classified information.

Bank Loans to Unemployed Educated Youths

1862, SHRI B. V. DESA1: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state

- 4.27 lakh (a) whether more than unemployed educated youths had applied for bank loans till December end under the self-employment scheme announced by the Prime Minister on the Independence Day last year;
- (b) if so, how many out of them, have been so far provided with the bank loans;
- (c) the total number of applications which have not so far been considered for the loan;
- (d) the schemes in which the loans have been utilised by the loan seekers;
- (e) whether it is a fact that recently in Delhi a number of persons were provided

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bank loans; and

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(f) if so, what guarantee has been obtained from them for refund of such loans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI PATTABHI RAMA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) Upto 31st January, 1984, about 21, 414 applications for reported to have been sanctioned by the banks.
- (c) The scheme is a continuous one and the question of non-consideration of applications does not arise at present.
- (d) The loans given are to be utilised by the beneficiaries for setting up industry or service or small business establishments.
- (e) and (f) The "Scheme for Providing Self-employment to Educated Unemployed Youth" is not applicable to Delhi These questions, therefore, do not arise.

Passing of Excise Duty cut on Tyres to consumers

1863. SHRI K. T. KOSALRAM: Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact the excise duty cut announced by Government with effect from 1-10-1983 has not been passed on to the consumers by the tyre manufacturers under the plea that the tyre industry was suffering losses;
- (b) how many times the prices of all types, of tyres have been raised during the past three years; and
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government for ensuring that the excise duty cut is passed on to the consumers by the manufactures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI PATTABHI RAMA RAO); (a) No, Sir.

- (b) Different tyre Companies have revised the prices of various types of tyres manufactured by them at different times during the last three years.
 - (c) Does not arise.

Excise duty on the Inputs of Tyre Manafacturing

1864. SHRI K.T. KOSALRAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleaseed to state:

- (a) how many times since its inception the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices has reported on tyre pricing;
- (b) the steps taken by Government to rationalise the price structure of tyres; and
- (c) the rate of excise duty on the inputs of tyre manufacturing (rates for individual inputs may be given) and the excise duty rate on the finished tyres of different varieties

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI PATTABHI RAMA RAO); (a) Four times.

- (b) There is no statutory control on the prices of tyres,
- (c) Excise duty on tyres has been specified in the Government of India (Ministry of Finance) Notification No. 20/84 dated 1.3.1984. [See page No. 339-340]

Establishment of all India agricultural service

1865. DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the specific recommendation by the National Commission on Agriculture to establish an All India Agricultural Service at Central and State level;