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(c) Radio systems and research, training and test equipment, technical assistance		4,400,000
(d) Materials, components and machines for P&T Factories		4,000,000
II. Goods to be purchased by P&T from the Govt. Telecommunication Factories :		
(a) (i) Telephones, switching and transmission equipment other than trunk automatic exchanges, manufactured by Indian Telephone Industries Ltd.		22,500,000
(ii) Trunk automatic exchanges, manufactured by Indian Telephone Industries Ltd.		3,700,000
(b) Teleprinters, manufactured by Hindustan Teleprinters Ltd.		800,000
(c) Cable and wire, manufactured by Hindustan Cables Ltd.		25,000,000
	Total :	78,000,000

Development of Trade Links with North Vietnam

1078. SHRI A. K. GOPALAN : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering any specific measures to further develop the trade links with North Vietnam in the near future ; and

(b) if so, the main feature thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A C. GEORGE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Central Assistance to States for Financing Annual Plans

1079. SHRI BISHWANATH JHUNJHUNWALA : Will the YOJANA MANTRI be pleased to state :

(a) whether most of the State Governments, while formulating their Annual

Plans, have sought increased Central assistance rather than mobilising their own resources ;

(b) whether as a result of this the quantum of Central Assistance to States will also increase ; and

(c) if so, the increase that will be effected for 1971-72, State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA) : (a) and (b). A few States asked for additional Central assistance for their Annual Plans, but their request could not be accepted. The total amount of Central assistance therefore remains unchanged.

(c) Does not arise.

Thefts of Idols from Temples in Rajasthan

1080. SHRI BISHWANATH JHUNJHUNWALA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that there has been an increase in the case of thefts of idols from Rajasthan temples for being exported to foreign countries as curio pieces ;

(b) whether such activities are being master-minded from agents operating in Rajasthan and Delhi ; and

(c) if so, how many such cases have come to the notice of Government during the last two years and the steps that have been taken by Central Government to curb such activities ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) to (c). The requisite information is being obtained from the Government of Rajasthan and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha on receipt.

Special I.A.S. Examination Recommended by A.R.C.

1081. SHRI K. M. MADHUKAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) when the Report of the Administrative Reforms Commission recommending the holding of a Special I.A.S. Examination was submitted to the Government ; and

(b) the time Government will take to finalise this issue ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) The Report of the Administrative Reforms Commission on Personnel Administration was submitted on April 18, 1969. One of the recommendations in this Report relates to holding a special competitive examination for non-technical Class I services, including the I.A.S.

(b) The recommendation is already under examination. It is expected that it may take some time more for Govern-

ment to take a decision as it has to be studied in an overall perspective.

Public Sector Corporation for Tobacco and Marine Products

1082. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA :
SHRI P. GANGADEB :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to set up a public sector Corporation for marine products ;

(b) if so, the main purpose of setting up such a Corporation ; and

(c) when the final decision is likely to be taken ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Programme of Training for Officers

1083. SHRI P. GANGADEB : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to re-organise the training programme for Officers to enable the public services to meet the challenge of the Seventies ; and

(b) if so, the main features of the programme and the extent to which it will help in the effective implementation of Government's economic and social policies ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b). Government are laying great emphasis on the training of officers to enable them to meet the growing demand of Administration. Apart from training immediately after recruitment and some refresher courses thereafter, there is continuing emphasis on the building of proper