

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) and (b). No such information has come to the notice of the Government in recent times.

Officers and Staff in Indian High Commission in London

3285. SHRI PRABODH CHANDRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of officers and staff working at present in the Indian High Commission at London, categorywise;

(b) whether the number of staff is far in excess of the number of staff actually required in comparison with the number of staff of other Missions of other countries stationed there; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) 628 officers and staff are at present employed in the High Commission of India, London. The category-wise break up of the staff is as follows:

India-based:

Gazetted	89
Non-gazetted	88
Total	177

Local:

Assistant and above	121
Clerical & typing grades	222
Minor & manipulative grades	108
Total	451

(b) and (c). There has been a progressive reduction of the staff strength of the Indian High Commission in London from 1035 in 1962 to the present strength of 628, which is not considered to be in excess of actual requirements. It is difficult to compare staff strength of our mission in London with that of missions of other countries stationed there as the nature and quantum of work required to be done by a country's mission varies from that of others.

Propaganda by Pakistan Embassies Against India

3286. SHRI PRABODH CHANDRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pakistan Embassies and Missions in various countries are indulging in various propaganda on Kashmir and other disputed matters against India;

(b) whether apart from bringing out their own publications, advertisements are given in prominent papers, tarnishing the image of our country and indulging in such activities which are far beyond the legitimate scope of foreign embassies and missions; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this direction?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) Such activities by Pakistani Missions in a number of world capitals are not new.

Our Missions abroad are kept fully informed of facts and figures and are equipped to take suitable corrective measures in this context and they take action promptly.

De-Requisitioning of the Houses of Ex-Servicemen in Cantonment Areas

3287. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken final decision on de-requisitioning the Houses of ex-servicemen from the cantonment area; and

(b) if not, what steps are being taken to provide adequate housing facilities to retired Army/Navy and Air Force personnel who own a house in the cantonment but which has been taken over by Government?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIWAN RAM): (a) No house belonging to any Ex-Servicemen is held on requisition in any Cantonment. The question of de-requisitioning any such house does not, therefore, arise.

(b) Does not arise in view of the answer to clause (a) above. However, every request for dehiring is examined and decided on merits.

सुरक्षा दलों और विद्रोही नागाओं के बीच मुठभेड़

3288. श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पहली जनवरी, 1968 के बाद भारतीय सुरक्षा दलों और विद्रोही नागाओं के बीच कितनी बार मुठभेड़ें हुईं; और

(ख) इस अवधि के दौरान मारे गये और गिरफ्तार किये गये नागाओं की अलग-अलग संख्या क्या है और उनसे बरामद हथियार और गोला-बारूद का व्यौरा क्या है ?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री जगजीवन राम : (क) 1 जनवरी 1968 से 30 अप्रैल 1971 तक विद्रोही नागाओं और हमारी सुरक्षा सेनाओं के बीच 189 मुठभेड़ें हुईं ।

(ख) इस अवधि में 162 भूमिगत नागा मारे गए और 3668 नागा पकड़े गए । और 3244 विद्रोही नागाओं ने हमारी सुरक्षा सेनाओं के समक्ष समर्पण किया । इसी अवधि में हमारी सुरक्षा सेनाओं ने भूमिगत नागाओं से 1821 फौजी हथियार एवं काफी मात्रा में गोला बारूद भी बरामद किया ।

लोक निर्माण कार्यों के खर्च में कमी करने से संबंधित समिति का प्रतिवेदन

3289. श्री भारतसिंह चौहान : क्या निर्माण और आवास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या लोक निर्माण कार्यों आदि के खर्च को कम करने के प्रश्न पर विचार करने के लिये नियुक्त समिति ने अपना प्रतिवेदन सरकार को पेश कर दिया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उक्त समिति की मुख्य-मुख्य सिफारिशें क्या हैं; और

(ग) उन पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है तथा उन पर क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

निर्माण और आवास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आइ० के० गुजराल) : (क) से (ग). लोक निर्माण कार्यों की लागत को कम करने के प्रश्न पर विचार करने के लिए भारत सरकार ने कोई कमेटी नियुक्त नहीं की है । तथापि, सरकार ने बड़े शहरों में बड़े पैमाने पर कम लागत से मकानों के निर्माण करने की पद्धतियों का अध्ययन करने के लिए एक कमेटी नियुक्त की थी । कमेटी की रिपोर्ट की एक प्रति संसद पुस्तकालय में रख दी गई है । कमेटी की मुख्य सिफारिशों रिपोर्ट के 125 से 130 पृष्ठ पर हैं । सिफारिशों पर कार्यवाही की जा रही है । सामान्य सिफारिशों निर्माण एजेंसियों के निर्देशन के लिए उनके ध्यान में लायी गयी हैं । आवास फंक्टरियों की स्थापना के लिए राज्य सरकारों को लिख दिया गया है । फंक्टरी को महाराष्ट्र में स्थापित करने की कार्यवाही सक्रिय रूप से की जा रही है ।

Visit of U. S. Senators to India in Connection with Problems of Bangla Desh Refugees

3290. SHRI H. M. PATEL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some United States Senators recently visited New Delhi and met the Prime Minister in connection with the problems of Bangla Desh refugees; and

(b) whether as a result of their visit to India the attitude of the United States, State Department towards the Bangla Desh problem has undergone any change?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) Senator Saxbe was in Delhi on April 7-8, Congressman Cornelius E. Gallagher, Chairman of the Asian & Pacific Sub-Committee of the US House Foreign Relations Committee, was in India from 2nd to 4th June. He called on the Prime Minister on June 3.

(b) Senator Saxbe, on his return made a strong statement in the US Senate on May