

Corporation had merely been that of a figurehead. His function was limited to presiding over the meetings of the Board and he failed to make any impact on the policy decision or day-to-day administration. The Investigating Authority, therefore recommended that the Board of Directors of the British India Corporation be strengthened and the Chairman should have substantial powers of management.

Investment Climate in India

412. SHRI GHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the Press statement of Sir Norman Kipping, Senior Adviser to the Federation of British Industries, appearing in the *Hindustan Times*, New Delhi of the 23rd October, 1971 saying that the investment climate in India was nowhere near what it was and it could improve only if the best technology was continued to be allowed to be imported.

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ; and

(c) the steps contemplated by Government to improve further the investment climate in India for foreign investors ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHANSHYAM OZA) :
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Government have taken a conscious decision to limit the import of technology only to cases where technological gaps exist in our own know-how. In regard to permitting foreign investments in India, however we are even more selective in our approach. Special consideration is however, given to export-oriented industries in which import of foreign technology as well as foreign investments are permitted more liberally.

However, Sir Norman Kipping's discussions in October, 1971 were of a preliminary nature. These are to be followed up by a discussion of the Indo-British Technological

Group some time later when steps for improving the investment climate in India for foreign investments would be discussed in greater detail .

Indo-British Talks on Industrial Collaborations

413. SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Senior Adviser to the Federation of British Industries, Sir Norman Kipping, was in India for a 5-day visit during October, 1971 and held discussions with officials of his Ministry with a view to pave the way for the forthcoming meeting of the Indo-British Technical Group proposed to be held early next year,

(b) if so, the nature and trends of these discussions ;

(c) whether Sir Norman Kipping had expressed his anxiety over the reported move of Government to taper off foreign collaborations gradually; and

(d) whether Government have given any assurances in the matter and, if so, the particulars thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHANSHYAM OZA) : (a) to (d). Sir Norman Kipping called on the Secretary in the Ministry of Industrial Development on 19.10.71. During the course of discussions, several matters of mutual interest such as the next meeting of the Indo-British Technological Group, visit of a Purchase Mission from UK to India, continuance of technological links, cooperation in research and development, etc. were covered. The discussions were of an exploratory nature and no decisions were taken nor any assurances given.

Brain Drain

414. SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the steps taken by Government to check "Brain Drain" have failed because of the limited success of the