

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० आर० गणेश) : (क) तथा (ख). सूचना इकट्ठी की जा रही है और उपलब्ध होते ही सभा पटल पर रख दी जायगी।

World Bank meeting with some countries to Assess Impact of Refugee Problem in India

1753. SHRI C. CHITTIBABU : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a few countries together with the World Bank met recently in Paris to assess the impact of refugee problem on India and the quantum of assistance required for this ;

(b) whether India has sent any estimate of assistance required for consideration by these countries ; and

(c) the outcome of the talks ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YESHWANTRAO CHAVAN) : (a) to (c). In keeping with its interest in India's economic development, the World Bank recently undertook a study of the impact of the refugee burden on India's development plans. Based on this study, and on data supplied by us, the World Bank had produced a report on the cost of refugee relief. The main conclusion of this report was that it will cost nearly Rs 525 crores during 1971-72 to maintain a refugee population in camps, which might increase to 9 million by the end of December, 1971. This report formed the working paper of a special meeting of the Aid India Consortium in Paris on October 26.

The Paris meeting endorsed the World Bank estimates and unanimously recognised the need for special assistance to offset the burden of refugee relief. The meeting acknowledged that the problem of refugees in India was an international responsibility and urged the U N. High Commissioner for Refugees to continue efforts to seek contributions from the international community to cover the entire cost of relief. The countries represented at Paris also agreed that they would themselves make efforts to meet a substantial part of this total need.

Measures taken to improve Management-Labour Relations in Indian Airlines

1754. SHRI BIRENDER SINGH RAO : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state the measures taken by Government to improve the Management-Labour relations in the Indian Airlines ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) : One of the terms of reference of the Sen Committee was to examine the personnel policies and practices in Indian Airlines. The Committee's report is under consideration. Wage negotiations have been finalised by the Management with Unions / Associations representing the majority of the employees, and efforts are being made to conclude settlements covering the remainder. The Management is making every effort to ensure that cordial labour relations are maintained.

Submission of Report by the Third Pay Commission Question

1755. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the evidence before the Pay Commission has concluded ;

(b) if so, when the Pay Commission is likely to submit its report ;

(c) whether certain All-India organizations of the Central Government employees have threatened mass action in case of further delay ;

(d) if so, whether the Pay Commission has been asked to submit its report within the shortest possible time ; and

(e) if not, the reasons for the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI K. R. GANESH) : (a) Not yet, Sir.

(b) It is not possible to indicate at this stage as to when the Commission are likely to submit their report.

(c) Government are not aware of any such threat.

(d) The Pay Commission have been requested to submit their recommendations as early as possible.

(e) Does not arise.

Family Planning Projects with the Assistance of World Bank

1756. SHRI P. M. MEHTA :
SHRI P. GANGADEB :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a World Bank technical mission had arrived in Delhi in October, 1971 to work out the details of two family planning pilot projects in Uttar Pradesh and Mysore ;

(b) if so, what are the findings of the Mission ;

(c) whether any scheme was discussed by this Mission with the Ministry of Health and Family Planning ; and

(d) if so, the outcome of the discussions ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YESHWANTRAO CHANAN) : (a) to (d). A project consisting of two Family Planning pilot schemes for U.P. and Mysore has been posed to the Internal Development Association (soft loan affiliate of the World Bank) for assistance. An Appraisal Mission visited India in October 1971 and held discussions on the project with the officials of State Governments concerned and the officials of the Government of the India including those of the Ministry of Health and Family Planning.

The Mission will submit its report to the Association, after which final proposals for the IDA credit will be discussed.

Aid by Agricultural Refinance Corporation for Backward Areas

1757. SHRI P. M. MEHTA :
SHRI P. GANGADEB :
SHRI CHINTAMANI
PANIGRAHI :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether he had discussions with Agricultural Production Commissioners of backward States on the schemes aided by the Agricultural Refinance Corporation for the development of backward areas on the 14th September, 1971 ;

(b) if so, the subjects discussed ;

(c) whether backwardness of Orissa in this respect was also discussed ;

(d) the number of schemes sanctioned by the Corporation so far ;

(e) the number of schemes still under consideration of the Corporation ; and

(e) the reasons for slow progress of scheme and the steps taken to accelerate their progress ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YESHWATRAO CHAVAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the meeting, the following subjects were discussed :

1. Present position with regard to Agricultural Refinance Corporation schemes in the backward States ;
2. Difficulties experienced by these States in taking up adequate number of schemes for refinance from the Corporation ; and
3. Steps needed for speedy sponsoring of ARC Schemes in these States.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (e). The Agricultural Refinance Corporation sanctioned 505 schemes involving financial assistance of Rs. 326.19 crores (with the Corporation's commitment of Rs. 278.33 crores) upto November 15, 1971. Besides, the Corporation had under consideration 279 schemes with a total financial outlay of Rs. 247.87 crores of which its commitments are likely to be Rs. 212.75 crores as on 30th September, 1971.

(f) In these States, the weak cooperative credit structure right from the primary level and slow progress in the rehabilitation reorganisation of these institutions have been