

(b) the total amount of loan given to the Monopoly Industrialists by the Life Insurance Corporation during the above period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI K. R. GANESH) : (a) and (b). A total amount of Rs. 194 lakhs was disbursed as loans by the Life Insurance Corporation to the industrial concerns in 1971 and of this Rs. 144 lakhs was disbursed to the Companies belonging to the monopoly groups.

Steps to attain Self-Sufficiency in Conventional and Sophisticated Weapons

613. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) what further steps have been taken to attain self-sufficiency in the matter of conventional and sophisticated weapons; and

(b) whether the full capacity of the Ordnance Factories is being utilised ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) Efforts for the attainment of self-sufficiency in conventional and sophisticated weapons form part of a continuous process of evolution and progress in this direction is receiving constant attention of the Government. It will not be in the public interest to disclose details.

(b) The capacity of the old ordnance factories is, by and large, being utilised to the fullest extent possible, consistent with the requirements of the Services. With regard to the new factories; utilisation of full capacity could be possible only after the complete commissioning of the plant and machinery.

Regularisation of Accommodation for Defence Employees in Kanpur

614. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a final decision has since

been taken regarding the regularisation of occupancy of Defence employees in Kanpur staying in various labour colonies constructed under the Industrial Housing Scheme; and

(b) whether State Government has approached the Centre for a change in the rules in this regard and if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) Government is seized of the whole case and it is expected that a decision would soon be taken.

(b) In July 1969 the State Government suggested enlargement of the scope of the scheme so as to cover the Defence employees. The proposal however has not been agreed to till now by the Minister of Works and Housing.

Facilities for Canteen Employees attached to Defence Installations

615. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Industrial Council at its meeting held at Aruvankadu in 1971 took a decision to give certain facilities to the Canteen employees attached to the various Defence installations, including Ordnance Factories; and

(b) if so, whether it has since been implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) In the Industrial Council Meeting held at Aruvankadu in September 1971 the view taken was that the Canteen employees of the Ordnance Factories should be given the same wages as admissible to workers of corresponding categories in these Factories including D. A. etc. in addition to statutory obligation like Provident Fund, uniform (where provided).

(b) The matter is still under consideration of the Government.

Withdrawal of Extra Levies on Postal Articles and Newspapers

616. SHRI NIHAR LASKAR : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government were considering withdrawal of five-paisa extra postage charge and the two-paisa levy on newspapers and periodicals; and

(b) if so, when the decision is likely to be taken ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI K. R. GANESH) : (a) and (b). On present indications, the levies are expected to continue for 1972-73 Financial Year.

होटल अकबर, नई दिल्ली

617. श्री मूल चन्द डागा : क्या पर्यटन और नागर विमानन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या होटल अकबर, नई दिल्ली का निर्माण कार्य पूरा हो गया है;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उसके निर्माण पर कितनी राशि खर्च हुई है और कितना समय लगा है; और

(ग) इस होटल पर प्रति वर्ष कितनी राशि खर्च होने और उससे कितनी आमदनी होने का अनुमान है ?

पर्यटन और नागर विमानन मंत्री (डा० कर्ण सिंह) : (क) और (ख). इस होटल की इमारत का निर्माण नई दिल्ली नगरपालिका द्वारा अपनी एक वाणिज्यिक प्रायोजना के रूप

में किया गया था। दिसम्बर, 1970 में इसे भारत पर्यटन विकास निगम ने पट्टे पर ले लिया तथा इसको होटल अकबर का नाम दिया। इमारत में काफी सुधार एवं परिवर्तन करने की आवश्यकता थी तथा इसमें फर्निचर एवं सजावट आदि की व्यवस्था की जानी थी। भारत पर्यटन विकास निगम इस कार्य पर अब तक लगभग 62 लाख रुपये खर्च कर चुका है। इस होटल को 27 जनवरी, 1972 को चालू किया गया।

(ग) 1972-73 के लिए अनुमानित आय तथा व्यय निम्न प्रकार है —

आय : 80-81 लाख रुपये

व्यय : 77-84 लाख रुपये

लाभ के आने वाले वर्षों में बढ़ने की आशा है।

सैनिक आवश्यकताओं में स्वावलम्बी होना

618. श्री मूलचन्द डागा : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार सैनिक आवश्यकताओं में स्वावलम्बी होने का प्रयत्न कर रही है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो हमारा देश इस संबंध में कब तक स्वावलम्बी हो जायेगा ?

रक्षा मंत्रालय (रक्षा उत्पादन) में राज्य मंत्री (श्री बिष्णु चरण शुक्ल) : (क) जी हाँ।

(ख) रक्षा उत्पादन में आत्म-निर्भरता के लिए कोई समय-सीमा निर्धारित नहीं की जा सकती, क्योंकि रक्षा टेक्नालोजी में तीव्र उन्नति के कारण रक्षा आवश्यकताओं में परिवर्तन होता रहता है।