

पर 10% की कीमी। किफायत के इन उपायों के फलस्वरूप सर्वत्र जीवन निर्वाह व्यय वृद्धि के कारण उच्च मरान भाड़े, स्थानीय रूप से नियुक्त कर्मचारियों के उच्च वेतन तथा विदेशों में व्यय में व्यापक वृद्धि तथा अबूबाबी, चीगमाई, पेनाग और कूटार में चार नए मिशन खोलने तथा बहरीन तथा मसकट के मिशनों का स्तर बढ़ाने के बावजूद भी 1972-73 के अनुमानित व्यय का 1971-72 के (128 करोड़) के व्यय के ही स्तर पर रचना सम्भव हो सका है। विदेशों के मिशनों का व्यय भ्रष्ट सरकार के अर्धनिक व्यय का 63% है — यह विश्व के किसी भी देश द्वारा मिशनों पर किए जाने वाले व्ययों को न्यूनतम दर है।

विदेशों में नियुक्त कर्मिकों के सविचारित प्रशिक्षण द्वारा कर्मचारी-वर्ग में उच्च तथा कार्यविधि और कार्यप्रणाली को वैज्ञानिक रूप देकर, विदेश-सेवा-निरीक्षकों द्वारा मीके पर 71 निरीक्षण कराके और मिशनों के कार्यों का मुख्य-लय द्वारा स्वीकृत पर्यवेक्षक द्वारा विदेशी मिशनों का कुशलता से वृद्धि का जाती है, सभी तकनीकतया योग्यता पर आधारित होता है तथा सरकार ने 50 वर्ष से ऊपर का आयु वाले अयोग्य कर्मचारियों को सेवा-निवृत्त करने का अधिकार ग्रहण किया है।

सामान्यतया विदेशों में भारतीय मिशन विदेशों में रहनेवाले भारतीयों के प्रति सवेदना तथा सहानुभूतिपूर्ण व्यवहार करते हैं। उन्हें सहूलता देने के लिए सभी मिशनों को दिशा निर्देश दे दिया गया है।

व्यक्तिगत शिक्षाओं पर ध्यान दिया जाता है और आवश्यकता पड़ने पर उनके दूर करने के उपाय भी किए जाते हैं।

(ख) इस संघ में भविष्य की भी वही योजना है जैसी कि इस समय है और जो ऊपर दी गई है। फिर भी भविष्य में इनके सुधला से धारण करने की सुनिश्चित करना है।

Indian Cultural Centres in Foreign Countries

617. SHRI SAT PAL KAPUR :
SHRI M. S. PURTY :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of foreign countries where Government have opened cultural centres during the last three years, country-wise; and

(b) whether any of the cultural centres were closed during the last three years, if so, the particulars thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) :

(a) A cultural centre has been opened in Fiji,

(b) No, Sir.

Revision of minimum wages of Agricultural Labour

618. SHRI PRABHUDAS PATEL :
SHRI C. T. DHANDAPANI :

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government are considering the question of revision of minimum wages of agricultural labour in the Central Sector; and

(b) if so, the time by which final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : (a) Yes.

(b) A notification outlining the draft proposals for revision of the current rates of wages is expected to be published in the Gazette of India soon.

Construction of Butwal-Nepalgunj Sector of East-West Highway

619. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA :
SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAKODKAR :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether India has agreed to undertake the construction of 300 Kilometre Butwal-Nepalgunj Sector of the East-West Highway on India-Nepal Border; and

(b) whether any agreement has been signed in this regard and if so, the main features thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) :

(a) Yes, Sir. The East-West Highway is now named as Mahendra Rajmarg.

(b) Yes, Sir. The main features of the agreement in this regard signed on the 15th June, 1972 are as follows :—

- (i) The Government of India has agreed to provide financial assistance of Rs. 25.82 crores in Indian Currency for construction of this project.
- (ii) The Project is to be executed by the Board set up by H. M. G., Nepal for executing the Eastern Sector of the East-West Highway.
- (iii) Every endeavour is to be made to complete the Project by 31st March, 1976.
- (iv) The construction of the link road to Nepalgunj (21 Kms) and the link road to Krishna Nagar (19 Kms) is also included in this project.
- (v) H. M. G., Nepal will provide necessary land for the Project free from all encumbrances.
- (vi) H. M. G., Nepal will provide the requisite foreign exchange against rupee payment for any plant and machinery to be imported for the Project.
- (vii) Nepalese engineers and Overseers will be afforded facilities for training on the Project and employment facilities will be afforded to them on posts for which they are qualified by their training and experience.

Seminar on Indo-German relations

620. SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAKODKAR : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Seminar on India and Indo-German relations is proposed to be held in Germany and also in India this year; and

(b) if so, the dates, venue and subject of the Seminar ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) :

(a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Under the Cultural Exchange Programme between India and the Federal Republic of Germany for 1972-73, there is a proposal for organizing a seminar on India and Indo-German relations in the Federal Republic of Germany. However, no decision has yet been taken about its timing.

Import of Fertilisers

621. SHRI S. C. SAMANTA : Will the Minister of SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has imported NPK complex fertiliser of various grades from USA and other countries for seeding programme of IFFCO and other agencies;

(b) whether it was technically possible to import DAP and MOP separately at comparatively cheaper prices for local manufacture of NPK complex fertiliser; and

(c) whether Government are going to import once again such costly NPK complex grades this year over-looking the interest of foreign exchange conservation ?

THE MINISTER OF SUPPLY (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN) : (a) Yes.

(b) The question whether instead of import of finished NPK complex fertilisers, DAP and MOP could be imported and used for granulation of NPK within the country is being examined.

(c) The decision whether NPK complex grades will continue to be imported will depend on the examination mentioned above.