

by them for correct assessment of Income-tax; and

(b) if so, whether the visiting fees taken by each Doctor of Dhanbad Division, Eastern Railway during 1970, 1971 and 1972 had been included in their Annual Statements of Income-tax?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI K. R. GANESH) : (a) A sample check of the returns of some Railway doctors assessed in Calcutta indicates that some of these doctors declared their income from profession separately apart from income from salary without however giving details regarding the visiting fees charged by them.

(b) The Income-tax returns filed by the doctors of the Dhanbad division of the Eastern Railways do not indicate any income by way of visiting fees.

Directives to Ministries to effect economy especially in Petrol consumption

5761. SHRI BISHWANATH JHUNJHUNWALA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government had issued directives to all Ministries to effect economy in their budget in view of the difficult financial position prevailing in the country ;

(b) if so, the Ministry-wise break-up of economy actually effected ; and

(c) whether any directive has been issued to economise use of petrol for staff cars and if so, the present, Ministry-wise break-up of expenditure and the economy actually effected ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI K. R. GANESH) : (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library See No. LT 6091/73].

Shifting of Foreign Plants

5762. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA :

PROF. MADHU DANDA-VATE :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal by four foreign firms to shift their entire

plants to India ;

(b) if so, the details of the countries which have offered and the plants and industries to be set up;

(c) the main features of the steps taken by Government to consider such offers ; and

(d) the location of such plants, if any, in Rajasthan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI A. C. GEORGÈ) : (a) and (b). Apparently, the reference is to the news items in 'The Times of India' dated 26th November, 1973 under the heading "Four Foreign Offers to Shift Plants to India". Out of the four proposals mentioned in this news item, two are not exactly transfer of plants to India but are proposals for import of second-hand machinery. There is only one proposal received for transfer plant from USA to India for the manufacture of Luxury Diesel Trawler Yachts on 100% export-oriented basis in collaboration with a U.S. firm. As regards the reference in the above mentioned "Times of India" news item of 26th November, 1973 about the proposal of a Danish Manufacturer of Stainless Steel Cutlery, no concrete proposals has been received so far.

(c) The proposal of shifting of plant for the manufacture of Luxury Yachts is under consideration of the Government.

(d) No, Sir.

Difficulties faced by Textile Mills in Kerala

5763. SHRI N. SHREEKANTAN NAIR :

SHRI VARKEY GEORGE :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has been brought to his attention that textile mills in Kerala are facing difficulties due to inadequate supply of Staple Fibre ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to assure generous allotment of this important raw material ?