

to their insufficient allowances at present being given for uniform, messing and washing; and

(b) if so, whether their grievances have been redressed and if so, to what extent?

The Minister of Health and Family Planning (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) Yes.

(b) The Dearness Allowance has been increased recently. Other matters are under consideration.

Stationery Office, Calcutta

**332. Shri Shree Narayan Das:
Shri D. N. Tiwary:**

Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Urban Development be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that drastic changes in the organisation, administration and supply system of the Government of India Stationery Office, Calcutta are being made or are proposed to be made in the near future;

(b) if so, the broad features of such changes;

(c) the basis on which this is proposed to be effected; and

(d) whether a large number of employees would be thrown out of employment in giving effect to these changes?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Urban Development (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna): (a) The intention is to introduce reforms in the procedure relating to supply of stationery and paper.

(b) The broad features are: (i) decentralisation of the consolidated budget of the Government of India Stationery Office and provisioning of funds with the indentors to meet their requirements;

(ii) the indentors to be allowed to obtain their requirements of small value items directly by local purchase

or by cash payments from the Stationery Office or its Regional Depots; and

(iii) the inspection work of the Government of India Stationery Office along with the staff to be transferred to the Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals.

(c) With a view to the exercise of direct control on the budget by the Ministry of Finance and also to cutting down delays in supplies.

(d) It is intended to protect the service rights of the employees.

Reserve Bank's Credit Policy

**333. Shri Shree Narayan Das:
Shri R. S. Pandey:
Shri R. Barua:**

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made as to the success, or otherwise, of the Reserve Bank's new credit policy formulated in November, 1965;

(b) whether the Banks have exercised voluntary discipline in the matter of lending to their borrowers for certain priority industries; and

(c) if not, whether the Reserve Bank has taken any suitable steps to meet the situation?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Sachindra Chaudhuri): (a) to (c). The trends in bank credit and the advances by commercial banks to the major industries or against particular securities are being examined by the Reserve Bank of India and the position is continuously under review. Although no specific order of priorities, apart from the requirements of the defence and export industries and the provision of finance for the procurement of foodgrains, has been prescribed or is being followed by the commercial banks, there is no reason to believe that any of the essential needs of the industry are being neglected.