

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH) : (a) Yes, Sir. In accordance with Government's policy, D.A.V.P. can handle accounts of these Public Sector Undertaking, which are commercially non-competitive and these undertakings have been advised to utilise the agency of the Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity. 80 of them have so far entrusted their advertising accounts to the Directorate.

(b) No, Sir. The D.A.V.P. has the necessary organisation, resources and expertise to handle the requirements of the commercially non-competitive Public Sector Undertakings.

(c) Advertisers do not pay any commission to the Advertising Agencies which get their commission from the newspapers/periodicals.

MINISTRIES HAVING INDEPENDENT REPRESENTATION ABROAD

507. SHRI LOBO PRABHU : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of Ministries which have independent representation abroad and the number of officials employed by them;

(b) the reasons why the officials and their work is not integrated with that of our Mission; and

(c) whether the staff abroad is appointed on the basis of the same yard-stick as in India ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) There are no "independent representations" abroad of any Ministry of the Government of India other than those of the Ministry of External Affairs. However, some Ministries have their officers posted in Indian Missions abroad who work under the overall supervision and control of the Heads of the Missions concerned.

(b) These officers of other Ministries deal with specialised and technical subjects. Whenever possible, their work is integrated within the Indian Mission.

(c) Generally, it is so.

PROPAGANDA AGAINST HINDU RELIGION IN U.S.A.

508. SHRI BABURAO PATEL : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a systematic propaganda against the Hindu religion through TV shows and talks in New York and others cities of U.S.A.

(b) whether it is also fact that American evangelist Billy Graham in a talk on TV described Hinduism as "weird, Barbaric and Sensual" and also said that "for the betterment of the world, Christianity is the only way and our mission is to see that Hinduism is destroyed to relieve humanity from suffering"; and

(c) if so, whether any protests have been made to U.S.A. by Indian embassy in Washington and if so, the reaction of U.S.A. Government thereto ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) to (c). The Government are not aware of any such propaganda. Necessary enquiries are being made.

CZECH NATIONALS IN INDIA GONE TO CANADA

509. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA :
SHRI VISHWA NATH PANDEY :
SHRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH :
SHRI RABI RAY :
SHRI D. N. PATODIA :
SHRI YASHWANT SINGH KUSHWAH :
SHRI HEM BARUA :
SHRI KASHI NATH PANDEY :
SHRI BASUMATARI :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that 21 Czech nationals left India on the 10th October, 1968 for Canada;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some of these Czech nationals were working in the Heavy Engineering Corporation at Ranchi;

(c) if so, the reasons for their sudden departure from India; and

(d) the grounds on which permission was granted to these Czech nationals to leave India ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) The 21 Czech nationals consisting of 7 technicians and their families, left India by air for Canada at 10 p.m. on the 9th October, 1968.

(b) All the 7 technicians were working in the Heavy Engineering Corporation at Ranchi

(c) Their sudden departure from India was, as stated by them, due to the political situation in their country.

(d) These technicians and their families were granted departure endorsements on their passports since they had indicated their firm intention to proceed to Canada and they held valid Czech passports with entry visas from the Canadian High Commission in Delhi.

विदेशों को जाने वाले प्रतिनिधि मंडल में शामिल किये गये संसद् सदस्य

510. श्री प० ला० बाहूपाल : क्या बंदेशिक कार्य मंत्री 1952 से बराबर चुने गए संसद् सदस्यों को विदेशों को जाने वाले प्रतिनिधि मंडलों में भेजने के बारे में 13 मार्च, 1968 के तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या 602 के अनुरूपक प्रश्न के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि 13 मार्च, 1968 से अब तक विदेशों को भेजे गए प्रतिनिधि मंडलों में कितने ऐसे संसद् सदस्यों को शामिल किया गया ।

प्रधान मंत्री, ग्रणु शक्ति मंत्री, योजना मंत्री तथा बंदेशिक कार्य मंत्री (श्रीमती इंदिरा गांधी) : सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन की मेज पर रख दी जाएगी ।

ASSISTANCE TO NEPAL

511. SHRI K. G. DESHMUKH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :
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(a) whether Government have recently sanctioned an additional assistance of nearly Rs. 5.5 crores for Nepal;

(b) whether this assistance is over and above the usual assistance Nepal receives from India;

(c) the nature and amount of usual assistance Nepal received from India; and

(d) the total amount invested by India in various fields of development in Nepal so far ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) The information sought was furnished to the House in answer to Starred Question No. 203 for February 21, 1968.

(b) Indian assistance is given under a planned programme of economic co-operation with Nepal and covers a number of development schemes in the field of communications, including tele-communications; power generation; irrigation; drinking water supply; health; education; horticulture; veterinary; forestry; village and cottage industries; geological and mineral surveys etc. etc. Till March 31, 1968, the assistance provided was of the order of Rs. 49.06 crores.

(c) and (d). In addition, India has provided a loan of rupees one crore under the Indo-Nepal Agreement of 20-9-1964, for the establishment of industrial enterprises in Nepal, particularly, in the field of jute, cement, paper and textile industries.

PUBLIC RELATION BODIES FOR INDIA IN U.S.A.

512. SHRI M. N. REDDY : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the nature of assessment made in the working of our various public relations bodies working in U.S.A.;

(b) the benefits derived from the assessment made; and

(c) how far the conclusions derived from the assessment made have been given practical shape ?