

**Revision of Foreign Allowance to Officers Posted Abroad**

2746. SHRI KAMESHWAR SINGH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the foreign allowance, representational grants and rental ceilings have been revised to suit the increased cost of living abroad of the Indian Foreign Service officers and others posted abroad in various countries ;

(b) if so, in how many countries and in which year ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. The rates of foreign allowance, representational grant and rental ceilings are being reviewed periodically and revised as and when found necessary. During the last five years (1964-1968), the rates of foreign allowance and representational grant for 75 Missions were revised on the basis of variations in the cost of living. During the same period, rental ceilings for 29 Missions were fixed or revised

**Trade Relations with East Germany**

2747. SHRI P. C. ADICHAN ;  
SHRI BEDABRATA BARUA ;  
SHRI VASUDEVAN NAIR ;  
SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA ;  
SHRI BIBHUTI MISHRA ;  
SHRI R. K. AMIN ;  
SHRI V. NARASIMHA  
RAO ;  
SHRI MEETHA LAL  
MEENA ;  
SHRI K. M. KAUSHIK ;  
SHRI D. N. PATODIA ;  
SHRI B. K. DAS  
CHOWDHURY ;  
SHRI HARDAYAL  
DEVGUN :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether in view of the increasing trade with East Germany, Government have decided to establish a trade commission or to reorganise and strengthen the existing Indian trade representative's establishment in that country ; and if so, in what way ;

(b) the extent of total imports from and exports to East Germany item-wise during the years 1966-67, 1967-68 and 1968-1969 so far ;

(c) whether the Government have also reviewed their stand to establish diplomatic relations in any form with that country ; and

(d) if so, Government's reconsidered stand in this regard ;

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) A statement showing the extent of total imports from and exports to East Germany item-wise during the years 1966-67, 1967-68 and 1968-69 (April-November) is laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library See No. LT-317/69*].

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

**Relief Operations Undertaken by I.A.F. During 1968**

2748. SHRI SITARAM KESRI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of relief operations undertaken by the Indian Air Force during 1968 ;

(b) the number of persons saved by these operations ; and

(c) the value of the supplies dropped to needy persons ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SWARAN SINGH) : (a) Four.

(b) 1,727 persons were evacuated.

(c) This information is not readily available.

**Defence Production in Private Sector Engineering Units**

2749. SHRI R. K. AMIN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the some of the defence production can be done in private sector engineering units if the extent of secretiveness maintained in defence production is relaxed ; and

(b) whether it is a fact that many items are kept as secret which are not kept as secret in other countries and if so, the reasons therefor ?