

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHURY RAM SEWAK) : (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library.* See No. LT-1149/69].

(d) Delegations are sent abroad to negotiate/conclude/extend and/or review the trade agreements/arrangements with foreign countries and to survey the markets and negotiate business deals. They have helped to diversify our trade and promote our exports. It is, however, not possible to quantify the results achieved by any single trade delegation sent abroad.

**Implementation of Pillai Committee's  
Recommendations on Indian  
Foreign Service**

9557. SHRI ZULFIQUAR ALI KHAN;  
SHRI MEETHA LAL MEENA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the recommendations of the Pillai Committee on the Indian Foreign Service which have been implemented ;

(b) the recommendations which have been accepted but not implemented so far and the reasons therefor ;

(c) the recommendations which are still under consideration and how long Government will take to arrive at a decision on them ; and

(d) the recommendations which have been rejected and the reasons therefor ?

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

(a) to (d). The required information is given in the statements laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library.* See No. LT-1150/693]

**Organisational changes in External Affairs  
Ministry**

9558. SHRI ZULFIQUAR ALI KHAN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the organisational changes that were introduced in the working of the External

Affairs Ministry from time to time during the last three years ; and

(b) the changes, if any, that were introduced contrary to the recommendations of the Pillai Committee ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) During the last three years, the following important organisational changes were made in the working of the Ministry of External Affairs :

(i) A new Division, known as Policy Planning and Review Division, was constituted in 1966 for planning and review of the foreign policy of the Government of India in the context of changing world situation. A Policy Planning and Review Committee was also established to recommend guidelines for future policy.

(ii) A post of Additional Secretary was created in 1968 to deal exclusively with administration.

(iii) The work relating to the Rehabilitation of the Tibetan Refugees was transferred to the Department of Rehabilitation in 1968.

(b) No change contrary to the recommendations of the Pillai Committee has been introduced. However, the Committee's recommendation to revive the post of Secretary-General has not been accepted.

**Recruitment to Indian Foreign Service**

9559. SHRI ZULFIQUAR ALI KHAN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state ;

(a) how many persons were recruited to the Indian Foreign Service from 1966 to 1969, year-wise ; and

(b) the position obtained in the order of merit in combined I.A.S./I.F.S. examination by each of the persons so recruited ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) 30 (Thirty)

1966 10

1967 15

1968 5

1969 Recruitment yet to be made.

(b) A statement showing the position obtained, in order of merit in the combined IAS/IFS examination, by each of the persons so recruited is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1151/69]

**Expenditure on Indian Missions Abroad and Earnings from Foreign Missions in India**

9560. SHRI ZULFIQUAR ALI KHAN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount of foreign exchange spent on the maintenance of Indian Missions abroad during the last three years ; and

(b) the amount of foreign exchange earned by India through the maintenance of foreign Missions in India during the above period ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) The estimated foreign exchange expenditure during the last three years on the maintenance of Indian Missions was Rs. 25.04 crores.

(b) During the two years 1966-67 and 1967-68 the Foreign Missions in India obtained an amount of Rs. 26.17 crores for their maintenance expenditure. Figure for 1968-69 are not yet available.

**Opening of Wagha Route**

9561 SHRI N. R. DEOGHARE : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Afghanistan has desired that Wagha route should be opened for the transportation of Afghan fruit to India ;

(b) whether any official request from the Government of Afghanistan has been received ; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) The Government of Afghanistan and India have been desirous that the traditional trade route between the two countries should remain open,

(b) It is upto the Government of Pakistan to open the route. There is, therefore, no question of any request being addressed to the Government of India.

(c) In view of (b) above, the question does not arise.

**Price of Cotton**

9562. SHRI DEORAO PATIL : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to announce the floor prices of raw cotton (Kapas) for the next season before sowing season starts ;

(b) if so, how it is proposed to be ensured that the cotton producers will get the remunerative prices ;

(c) whether Government are aware that mill-Owners have schemes to purchase Kapas at floor prices from the cotton growers through the traders ; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) and (b). While formulating the cotton price policy for the cotton year 1969-70 at the appropriate time, all the relevant aspects will be considered.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

**Export of Indian Films**

9563. SHRI JUGAL MONDAL : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :