

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 :