

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) to (c). The present policy of the U.S. Government regarding supply of arms to India and Pakistan is governed by their announcement of April 10, 1967. This policy is under the review of the new U.S. Administration. No decision to either relax or tighten the policy has yet been taken. Our opposition to further relaxation of U.S. policy of supply of arms to Pakistan has been conveyed to U.S. authorities on numerous occasions. We have been assured that our views would be taken into consideration before any decision in this matter is taken.

(d) Government have no such proposal under consideration.

**Export of Railway Wagon/Coaches and Locomotives to Foreign countries**

419. SHRI S.K. TAPURIAH :  
 SHRI R.K. BIRLA :  
 SHRI SRADHAKAR SUPAKAR :  
 SHRI MAHARAJ SINGH BHARATI :  
 SHRI GADILINGANA GOWD :  
 SHRI SHASHI BHUSHAN :

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

(a) whether Government have received orders for the supply of Railway coaches (ACC and others) and locomotives (Diesel and Steam) to some countries ;

(b) if so, how much foreign exchange will be earned on these contracts ; and

(c) the names of countries which have placed orders ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) to (c). No export orders for Diesel & Steam locomotives have been received. Orders for coaches are indicated below :—

| Name of country | Number of coaches | FOR VALUE ( in Rs. crores) | Year of export |
|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| Burma           | 33                | 0.78                       | 1968-69        |
| Thailand        | 2                 | 0.0047                     | 1967-68        |

Contracts for the following components of coaches have been secured and are under execution :-

|          |              |          |
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| Thailand | Coach Bogies | 45 Nos.  |
| Taiwan   | -do-         | 100 Nos. |

**Meeting of Indian Envoys in West Asia  
 in New Delhi**

420. SHRI VISWANATHA MENON :  
 SHRI YAJNA DUTT SHARMA :  
 SHRIMATI ILA PALCHOUDHURI :  
 SHRI S. XAVIER :  
 SHRI R.K. AMIN :  
 SHRI R.R. SINGH DEO :  
 SHRI JAI SINGH :  
 SHRI RAM CHANDRA VEERAPPA :  
 SHRI P.K. DEO :  
 SHRI R.V. NAIK :  
 SHRI BAL RAJ MADHOK :  
 SHRI RAM SWARUP VIDYARTHI :  
 SHRI D. AMAT :  
 SHRI ZULFIQUAR ALI KHAN :  
 SHRI MEETHA LAL MEENA :  
 SHRI G.C. NAIK :  
 SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO :  
 SHRI N. SHIVAPPA :  
 SHRI N.R. LASKAR :  
 SHRI HARDAYAL DEVGUN :  
 SHRI J. MOHAMED IMAM :  
 SHRI MAHANT DIGVIJAI NATH :  
 SHRI C.K. CHAKRAPANI :  
 SHRI GANESH GHOSH :  
 SHRI CHENGALRAYA NAIDU :  
 SHRI K.M. KOUSHIK :  
 SHRI RABI RAY :  
 SHRI UMANATH :  
 SHRI RAM CHARAN :  
 DR. RANEN SEN :  
 SHRI C. JANARADHANAN :  
 SHRI HIMAT SINGKA :  
 SHRI D.N. PATODIA :  
 SHRI S.M. BANERJEE :  
 SHRI SITARAM KESRI :  
 SHRI S.R. DAMANI :  
 SHRI BIBHUTI MISHRA :  
 SHRI H.N. MUKERJEE :  
 SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA :  
 SHRI J.K. CHAUDHURY :  
 SHRI R. BARUA :  
 SHRI SHIV KUMAR SHASTRI :  
 SHRI PRAKASH VIR SHASTRI :  
 SHRI OM PRAKASH TYAGI :  
 SHRI S. KUNDU :  
 SHRI SURENDRA NATH DWIVEDIY :  
 SHRI SAMAR GAUA :  
 SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO :

SHRI SHIV CHARAN LAL :  
 SHRI RAM AVTAR SHARMA :  
 SHRI PREM CHAND VERMA :  
 SHRI SATYANARAYAN SINGH :  
 SHRI K. M. ABRAHAM :  
 SHRI K. RMANI :  
 SHRI BHAGWAN DAS :  
 SHRI M. S. OBERAI :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government called a meeting of Ambassadors in West Asia at Delhi recently ;

(b) if so, the purpose of the meeting ; and

(c) the details of discussions held and the outcome thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The meeting was called with a view to exchange views in regard to the West Asian situation and other matters relating to West Asia and North Africa including development of trade, economic and cultural relations in which India is interested.

(c) The discussions were confidential. Matters which could be disclosed were mentioned at a widely reported press conference held by the Foreign Secretary at the conclusion of the conference.

#### **Incorporation of Specialists and Experts in Administration**

421. SHRI LOBO PRABHU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the proposal for the expert to replace the generalist, the Draft Plan considered the experience already available of experts as Ministers/Secretaries or in other important Offices;

(b) whether the expert is not already the head of his own Department, with due influence on the Secretariat ; and

(c) whether democracy is easier if between the people's representative and the experts, generalists do not reflect and protect common interests ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF FINANCE, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) to (c). These and other allied matters are being considered by Government in the context of the recommendations of the Administrative Reforms Commission.

#### **Sophisticated Development in Fourth Plan**

422. SHRI LOBO PRABHU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) how consistently with the socialist pattern, provisions for Civil Air Transport, Telecommunications and Broadcasting are being increased in the Fourth Plan when they are not used by 98 per cent of the people ;

(b) if the provisions for industrial development cannot be reduced in items where there is unutilised capacity, the reasons why finance should not be diverted to irrigation and roads which serves the common people and provide more labour opportunities ; and

(c) whether the Planning Commission has made estimates of the employment opportunities generated by the different provisions of the Draft Fourth Plan and whether they will be laid on the Table of the House ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF FINANCE, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) Civil Air Transport and Telecommunications constitute essential parts of a country's infrastructure. Broadcasting services are also an important medium of communication. Provisions for these sectors in the Fourth Plan have been made having regard to the requirements of the country's economy and technological development in the respective fields. Civil Air Transport is not only an essential component of development but also a foreign exchange earner. Telecommunication services have also an important pub-