

ween the local Police and the agencies of the Customs Department to check large-scale smuggling on Indo-Nepal border and West Pakistan-Rajasthan borders ;

(c) whether the Indian and Foreign Airlines have been requested for their assistance in detecting and curbing the connivance of the various Airlines officials in the smuggling operations ; and

(d) the number of officials of various Airlines involved in smuggling operations who were apprehended ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) No Sir.

(b) A committee consisting of representatives of Central and concerned State Governments has been set up to ensure co-ordination among all the enforcement agencies working on the Indo-Nepal border. Smuggling on the West Pakistan-Rajasthan border is not on any significant scale at present. However, there is close co-ordination between the local police and the Customs Department.

(c) whenever necessary the assistance of Indian and Foreign Airlines is taken in detecting cases of smuggling.

(d) 16 officials of various Airlines were apprehended during the years 1966 to 1968 and 1969 (upto 30.6.69) for being involved in smuggling.

Fertilizer Plant in Punjab

1105. SHRI MUHAMMAD SHERIFF : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Punjab Government has approached the Centre to permit it to set up fertilizer plant in the public sector in the State : and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government in regard thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN) : (a) and (b). The Punjab State Industrial Development Corporation submitted an

application in September, 1967, for a licence under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951, for establishment of a fertilizer plant at Bhatinda. After an examination of the case, the Corporation was informed that it was proposed to reject the application, subject to any representation it might like to make in this regard. As no representation has been received within the time prescribed for making the representation. Government are considering final rejection of the application.

स्टेट बैंक के हिन्दी जानने वाले कर्मचारी

1107. श्री श्रीम प्रकाश त्यागी : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) स्टेट बैंक में काम करने वाले ऐसे कर्मचारियों की संख्या कितनी है जिन्हें हिन्दी का सामान्य ज्ञान है और ऐसे कर्मचारियों की संख्या कितनी है जिन्हें हिन्दी का बिल्कुल ज्ञान नहीं है ;

(ख) हिन्दी न जानने वाले कर्मचारियों को हिन्दी सिखाने के लिये इस समय क्या प्रबन्ध किये गये हैं ; और

(ग) इस समय कितने कर्मचारी हिन्दी सीख रहे हैं ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री प्र० च० सेठी) : (क) 35,538 कर्मचारियों को हिन्दी का काम चलाकू ज्ञान है, जबकि 20,390 कर्मचारियों को हिन्दी का कोई ज्ञान नहीं है।

(ख) बैंक में हिन्दी पढ़ाने की कोई व्यवस्था नहीं है, लेकिन बैंक का अपने कर्मचारियों को हिन्दी सीखने के लिये प्रोत्साहित करने की एक योजना चलाने का विचार है।

(ग) इस समय 747 कर्मचारी अपने आप हिन्दी सीख रहे हैं।

दुन्दौर में कैंसर अस्पताल के लिये केन्द्रीय सहायता

1108. श्री रॉ० च० दीक्षित : क्या स्वास्थ्य तथा परिवार नियोजन और विमर्श,