

EXPENSES ON VISIT OF KHAN ABDUL  
GHAFFAR KHAN

5155. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA :  
SHRI K. LAKKAPPA :  
SHRI A. SREEDHARAN :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount spent by Government on the visit of Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan; and

(b) the head under which this amount has been spent ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) and (b). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House upon the conclusion of the visit.

## INDIA'S PLEDGE ON KASHMIR

5156. SHRI R. BARUA :  
SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY :  
SHRI BENI SHANKER  
SHARMA :  
SHRI N. R. DEOGHARE :  
SHRI N. SHIVAPPA :  
SHRI CHENGALRAYA  
NAIDU :  
SHRI N. R. LASKAR :  
SHRI SHRI CHAND GOYAL :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan has stated in press conference that India should keep her pledge on Kashmir;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) whether he has suggested certain steps to be taken in regard to present recrudescence of the communal riots ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) and (b). Government have seen press reports to this effect. Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan has, however, in a statement on October 15, 1969 clarified that his statement that "if promises have been made, they should be kept" was more an "affirmation of a universal truth" than any at-

tempt on his part to delve into the political merits of the Kashmir issue.

(c) Government have seen some press reports of the views expressed by him on various subjects and share his concern over the feelings of disharmony and the resort to violence in some parts of the country.

RECOGNITION OF CENTRAL SERICULTURAL  
RESEARCH STATION NON-GAZETTED  
EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

5157. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU :  
Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the issue of recognition of Central Sericultural Research Station Non-Gazetted Employees' Association Berhampur, West Bengal is pending since 1966 although all the formalities as required under the Trade Union Act and other rules have been fulfilled; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI RAM SEWAK) : (a) and (b). No, Sir, Request for recognition of the Central Sericultural Research Station Non-Gazetted Employees' Association Berhampur, West Bengal received from the Association in 1966 was considered by the Government and the Association was informed to apply in accordance with the procedure laid down in the booklet "Recognition of Unions under Code of Discipline" issued by Government after conditions laid down in the Code are satisfied. The question of recognition of the Association will, therefore, be considered further after the conditions laid down in the Code are satisfied.

TALKS WITH DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER OF  
G.D.R. ON DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION

5158. SHRI N. K. SOMANI :  
SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA :  
SHRI K. M. KOUSHTIK :  
SHRI J. MOHAMED IMAM :  
SHRI N. SHIVAPPA :  
SHRI R. K. AMIN :  
SHRI P. L. MODY :  
SHRI BENI SHANKER  
SHARMA :  
SHRI K. ANIRUDHAN :  
SHRI HEM BARUA :  
SHRI B. NARASIMHA RAO :