Indian efforts to solve Czechoslovakia Issue

1509. SHRI YAJNA DATT SHARMA : SHRI JAI SINGH : SHRI HARDAYAL DEVGUN :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFF-AIRS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 4148 on the 20th August, 1969 and also to his statement on the 8th April, 1969 and state :

(a) the efforts which have been made or whether India is in contact with USS.R. and Czechoslovakia since the Prime Minister explained India's stand in the House on the 21st August, 1969 to extend sympathy and full support to Czechoslovakia in her struggle against Soviet intervention in her internal affairs, both being Sovereign States;

(b) whether this subject was discussed with the U.S.S R. Prime Minister's meetings and his meetings with him on several occasions during this year also with the subject of Kashmir;

- (c) if so, with what results; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGII) : (a) In view of the very friendly relations that we have with the Governments of USSR and Czechoslavakia, the Govt. of India is always in contact with them on matters of mutual interest.

As Hon'ble Members may be aware, certain agreements for cooperation were arrived at last month between these two sovereign governments regulating their inter relations.

(b) to (d). These discussions were of **a confidential nature** and it is not the practice to disclose the contents.

Targets achieved by STC

1510. SHRI LUTFAL HAQUE : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the weebly returns of the State Trading Corporation for the period

between July and October, 1969 show declining achievements in the business compared to the targets set by the Corporation and its Chairman; and

(b) if so, the reasons behind the failure to improve the trading volume and exports of sophisticated goods ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK): (a) and (b). The targets of exports and imports have been fixed by the State Trading Corporation on annual basis which take into account seasonal factors both in the matter of exports and imports. The weekly returns, therefore, do not indicate the overal achievements in the business of the Corporation. Every effort is being made by the Corporation to increase exports and imports to fulfil the targets for the current year.

Chinese Atomic Plant in Tibet

1511. SHRI V, NARASIMHA RAO : SHRI J. K. CHOUDHURY : SHRI D. N. PATODIA : SHRI SHASHI BHUSHAN :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFF-AIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether China is setting up its new headquarter of atomic plant in Tibet;

(b) if so, whether any protest has been made by Government in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) The Government of India have no precise information on this.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Does not arise.

Taking-over of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir Administration by Pak. Government

1512. SHRI V. NARASIMHA RAO : SHRI C. K. BHATTACHARYYA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFF-AIRS be pleased to state ;