

क्या बंदेशिक-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रेडियो मास्को, रेडियो पीम एण्ड प्रोग्रेस और रेडियो पीकिंग ने अगस्त 1969 में राष्ट्रपति के चुनाव के दौरान भारत के विभिन्न राजनीतिक दलों तथा नेताओं की आलोचना की थी;

(ख) क्या सरकार इसे भारत के आन्तरिक मामलों में हस्तक्षेप समझती है; और

(ग) इस सम्बन्ध में क्या कार्यवाही की गई है अथवा किये जाने का विचार है ?

बंदेशिक-कार्य मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (श्री सुरेन्द्र पाल सिंह) : (क) से (ग). सूचना इकट्ठी की जा रही है।

Inundation of 10,000 Acres of Paddy Land in West Bengal by Pakistan Bund Cut

1558. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO :
SHRI YAMUNA PRASAD
MANDAL :
SHRI CHENGALRAYA NAIDU :
SHRI R. BARUA :
SHRI N. R. LASKAR :
DR. SUSHILA NAYAR :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that about 4,000 villages were affected and 10,000 acres of paddy land was inundated as a result of the floods caused by a bund cut by Pakistan across the Indian border in 24 Parganas District in West Bengal;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Government of West Bengal have asked Government to take up the matter with the Pakistan Government;

(c) if so, the estimated loss suffered as a result thereof;

(d) whether Government have taken up the matter with Government of Pakistan and had asked for compensation; and

(e) if so, the result thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) Sixteen villages were affected as a result of the floods caused by a bund cut by Pakistan across the Indian border in 24 Parganas District in West Bengal.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The loss is estimated as follows :

Paddy valued at Rs. 22,49,600

414 houses valued at Rs. 82,000.

(d) The Government have informed Pakistan that they reserve the right to claim compensation for the damage resulting from the action of the East Pakistan authorities.

(e) No reply has yet been received from the Government of Pakistan.

Report of Trade Delegation to Latin American Countries

1559. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO :
SHRI CHENGALRAYA NAIDU :
SHRI N. R. LASKAR :
SHRI MAYAVAN :
SHRI R. BARUA :
SHRI ONKAR LAL BERWA :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Economic and Trade delegation which visited Latin American countries in April-May this year has submitted its report to Government;

(b) if so, the salient features of the assessment made by the team in regard to the prospects of expansion of India's trade and setting up of joint ventures; and

(c) the decision taken by Government, if any, in the matter ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A summary of the conclusions and recommendations made by the delegation is laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT-2114/69*]

(c) The recommendations of the delegation are under examination in consultation with the various Ministries of the Government of India. Copies of the Report have been placed in the Parliament Library.

Production of Jute, Cotton, Woollen Worsted Yarn and Silk Mills

1560. SHRI ABDUL GHANI DAR : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) the production of Jute mills, cotton mills, woollen worsted yarn mills, shoddy yarn mills, and silk mills in the years 1961, 1966, 1968 and 1969, and

(b) whether the targets were achieved and if so, the percentage effected in these years ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Scheme to save Foreign exchange by Promoting Tobacco Industry

1561. SHRI ABDUL GHANI DAR : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any scheme to save foreign exchange by promoting tobacco industry in the country ;

(b) if so, how much foreign exchange is likely to be saved annually ; and

(c) the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) to (c) India is one of the biggest producers and exporters of tobacco in the world. However, small quantity of tobacco is being imported as per details given below for the purpose of maintaining the required blend for produ-

ing high class cigarettes. Tobacco Export Promotion Council has advised the importers that import of tobacco in future will be allowed against export of cigarettes produced in India.

	Qty. (in tonnes)	(Value in Rs.)
1966-67	110	23,67,366
1967-68	630	1,32,82,229
1968-69	334	44,14,590

Ta ks with Israel

1562. SHRI ABDUL GHANI DAR : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Israel Government is discussing the recent differences between Israel and Arab countries with his Ministry ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Naval Base at Cochin

1563. SHRI N. SREEKANTAN NAIR : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the stage at which the expansion of the Naval Base at Cochin stands ; and

(b) whether any suggestions have come from the Kerala Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI SWARAN SINGH) : (a) The development of the Cochin Naval Base is proceeding according to plan.

(b) No, Sir.

Facilities offered to Private Sector in Defence Production

1564. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :