

**Expenditure on Furnishing Offices of
S. T. C. in Delhi**

3120. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount of money spent by the State Trading Corporation in furnishing its new offices in Delhi ;

(b) the break-up of the various items of expenditure ; and

(c) the break-up of money spent in furnishing the office of the Chairman of the State Trading Corporation ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) The expenditure incurred by STC in furnishing its new office amounted to Rs. 22.59 lakhs.

(b) The break-up is as follows :—

	(Rs. in lakhs)
(i) Building cost partition etc.	15.23
(ii) Furniture and fittings	5.12
(iii) Welfare Services for staff canteen	1.16
(iv) Contingencies	0.26
(v) Architects' fee	0.82

(c) No additional expenditure was incurred in furnishing Chairman's office as old furniture is being used in his office.

Cooperation of Political Parties in maintaining Law and Order against Communalism

3121. SHRI RAJ DEO SINGH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether cooperation of all political parties was received in maintaining the law and order in connection with the decision of the National Integration Council for collective approach to the people against communalism ; and

(b) if so, the number of sittings the council

held after it came into being and details with regard to its minutes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (SHRI-MATI NANDINI SATPATHY) : (a) The National Integration Council at its Srinagar meeting in June 1968 condemned tendencies that strike at the root of national solidarity and called upon all political parties, among others, to bring such tendencies to a halt by discouraging communal illwill and regional animosities and weaning the misguided elements of society from paths of violence. Both the Standing Committee of the National Integration Council and an all-party conference held towards the end of 1969 called for joint mass campaigning by political parties as an effective weapon to fight communal conflict and disintegration. An Organising Committee consisting of representatives of political parties has been set up to conduct a campaign along the lines of the statement issued by the all-party conference. The second meeting of the Organising Committee is due to be held on December 11, 1970 to chalk out the various detailed steps for the campaign.

(b) The National Integration Council has met only once in June 1968. The Standing Committee has however met four times so far, to review progress in the implementation of National Integration Council recommendations, the communal situation and the problems of Schedule Castes. The Sub-Committee on Communalism has met twice to consider various aspects of the communal problem in depth. The Organising Committee for the joint mass campaign has met so far once and a second meeting is due to be held on December 11, 1970.

Central Flood Relief to Jaunpur (U. P.)

3122. SHRI RAJ DEO SINGH : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government have provided any financial assistance to the flood affected people in Jaunpur (Uttar Pradesh) due to flood in the Gomati River ;

(b) the assistance Government have proposed to the farmers ; and