

foreign contribution in the year 1990 to this Ministry.

(b) At present 88 cases from Kerala are pending registration under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976.

Foreign Visits of Ministers

5890. SHRI RAM SARAN YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the detail of ministers who visited foreign countries during the period from January 1990 to July 1991 for participate in various seminars/conferences;

(b) the total foreign exchange released for this purpose;

(c) whether any ministers visited abroad more than three times during this period;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the total amount spent on each visit of every minister?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Assets of Azad Hind Government

5891. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have retrieved the cash and assets amounting to Rs. 114 crores belonging to the Azad Hind Government set up by the Netaji Subbhash

Chandra Bose from the Government of Japan and other foreign countries; and

(b) if so, how the Government propose to utilise the money?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b). There is no evidence available with the Government regarding cash and assets amounting to Rs. 114 crores belonging to the Azad Hind Government set up by Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose as being due from the Government of Japan and other foreign countries. The facts available with the Government on the subject are as follows:

2. After the Second World War, some assets, consisting of various types of currencies, some gold bullion and miscellaneous valuables including ornaments belonging to the Indian National Army (INA) and India Independence League (IIL) were confiscated by the Custodian of Property in Singapore. It was agreed by Government that these assets, would be divided between India and Pakistan in the ratio of 2:1 with the Indian share working out to approximately 1,52,681. This figure was also given in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1501 of September 9, 1954. With the consent of the then Prime Minister, India's share of money derived from these INA and IIL assets was thereafter deposited in the Indian Scholarship Fund created in Malaya. The Fund was meant for student of Indian origin in Malaya.

3. A box said to contain articles that were salvaged from the aircraft in which Netaji Subbhash Chandra Bose was reported to have met his death, was brought to Delhi from Tokyo by an official of the Government of India under instructions from the then Prime Minister in November, 1952. The box was entrusted to the national Museum, New Delhi for safe custody on 30th September, 1953 and has remained with the National

Museum ever since. The box contained medals, rings, chain, wrist watches, ear ring, pendants, ear studs, brooches, bangles, fragments of stones, shirt-buttons, signet rings, nose-ring stones, iron nail and other miscellaneous items almost all of which are in damaged and charred condition. The net weight of the box without wrappers, was found to be 13491.25 gms.

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5892. SHRISUDHIRSAWANT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a bill for the takeover of the Indian Council of World Affairs passed in the Rajay Sabha was introduced in the Ninth Lok Sabha;

(b) if so, the present status of the Bill;

(c) when the bill is proposed to be re-introduced in the parliament; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to improve the declining standards of ICWA Library?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Bill has since lapsed.

(c) and (d). Government are considering various measures including the possibility of reintroducing a Bill in Parliament to improve the ICWA and restore its original standards.

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Increase in Production of Foodgrains

5893. SHRI BHERU LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been increase in the production of foodgrains like wheat, oil-seeds etc. in the country during 1990-91 as compared to the year 1989-90; and

(b) if so, the State-wise percentage increase in production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Statement giving percentage of increase/decrease in production of wheat, total foodgrains and total oilseeds during 1990-91 as compared to the year 1989-90 State-wise is Annexed.