

Appointment of a Financial Adviser in N.I.D.C.

*667. SHRI K. A. RAJAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether an assessment of the financial affairs of the National Industrial Development Corporation has been entrusted to the Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India;

(b) if so, the background for such a step and the fees payable to the ICICI;

(c) whether Government are aware that many sub-committees of Directors of NIDC had in the past strongly recommended appointment of a full-time Financial Adviser/Manager (Finance) to set right the financial working of the Corporation; and

(d) whether it is a fact that no such appointment has been made so far, if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA):
(a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Board of Directors of NIDC decided in March, 1979 to have an independent assessment of its financial procedures and systems done by the Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India Ltd., on payment of a fee of Rs. 80,000/- and out of pocket expenses estimated at Rs. 10,000/-.

(c) and (d). As per the decision of the Board of Directors in their meeting held on 18-7-73, a post of Manager (Finance) as in-charge of Finance Division in the NIDC was created in the scale of Rs. 1600-2250. In spite of efforts made to find a suitable candidate through advertisement and contact with Govt. Departments no suitable person could be found. Efforts are still continuing. Recently, the Board has also decided to raise the pay scale of this post to Rs. 2250-2750 and action is being taken accordingly to fill the post.

"Sticks" Discovered in Tripura

*668. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of "sticks" have been discovered in Tripura which were used by the trouble makers for arson;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these "sticks" once ignited do not extinguish; and

(c) if so, the facts thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA):

(a) to (c). Yes, Sir. A bag of inflammable sticks apparently abandoned by miscreants at Kalinagar in the jurisdiction of Police Station Jirania was seized by Police in the middle of June, 1980. Markings on the bag were indicative of their Pakistani origin. Once ignited, these sticks are not easy to extinguish.

It is understood that propellant charges in this form are used to increase the range of the artillery shells. It is presumed that these were discarded during the 1971 war and picked up by locals.

Raping of Women

*669. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news appearing in the "Times of India" (Delhi edition) dated the 29th June, 1980 in which Mr. Peter Layton, an official of the Marie Stopes Society, is reported to have stated quoting police department's statistics that nearly two million women are raped in India every year;

(b) if so, whether the information revealed is correct; and