

Banks should be established, for financing big State or inter-State projects.

(b) After then State Administrators participating in the meeting had expressed their general views, following two specific subjects were discussed :

- (i) Centre-State relations
- (ii) Unemployment problem.

No decisions were arrived at as the object of the informal meeting was only to identify areas where new orientation was needed during the mid-term appraisal of the Fourth Plan and preparatory work of the Fifth Plan.

Licensing of New Units and Expansion of Existing Units in Man-made Fibre Industry

*1696. SHRI JADEJA :
SHRI DEVINDER SINGH
GARCHA :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to issue more licences for new units as well as for the expansion of the existing ones to step up production in the man-made fibre industry ;

(b) if so, the number of licences to be issued in Gujarat State ; and

(c) the number of existing industries in Gujarat for which permission to expand their industry would be granted ?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Expansion has been allowed in respect of following unit located in Gujarat :

Baroda Rayons for expanding their capacity of rayon filament yarn from 3000 tonnes per annum to 6000 tonnes per annum.

Applications received, including some from Gujarat, in response to a Press Note issued by the Ministry of Petroleum and Chemicals in respect of nylon filament yarn are under consideration. Applications from Gujarat will be duly considered on merits.

Plan to Improve Trade Relations with Afghanistan and Burma

*1697. SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARYYA : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any plan to improve the trade relations with Afghanistan and Burma ;

(b) whether Government have examined the proposal for the airlifting of Indian goods to Afghanistan at concessional rates ; and

(c) if so, the particulars thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) India's trade relations with Afghanistan and Burma have all along been good. We have entered into a Trade Agreement with Burma and a Trade Agreement with Afghanistan. Our exports to these countries have been continuously on the increase. Afghanistan's imports from India have increased from Rs. 7 crores in 1967-68 to over Rs. 11 crores in 1969-70. During the same period, India's exports to Burma were about Rs. 4 crores and Rs. 21 crores respectively.

(b) and (c). The question of airlifting goods between India and Afghanistan at concessional rates was examined, but the arrangement was not found feasible at present.

भारत में भेजे गये पाकिस्तानी गुप्तचर

*1698. श्री जी० पी० यादव : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को पता है कि पाकिस्तान ने भारत में बड़े पैमाने पर अपने गुप्तचर भेजे हैं ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो ऐसे कितने गुप्तचर गिरफ्तार किए गये हैं और भविष्य में ऐसे व्यक्तियों पर रोक लगाने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

गृह मन्त्रालय और कार्मिक विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राम निवास मिर्धा) : (क) और (ख). उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार हाल ही में