

Aid given to Nepal

*623. SHRI R. P. YADAV : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum of aid given to Nepal during the last 3 years, year-wise ; and

(b) the projects in Nepal which have been completed so far with Indian aid and those which are under construction at present ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) The following amounts were given under the Indo-Nepal Economic Cooperation Programme during the last three years :—

1968-69	Ra. 10.98 Crores
1969-70	Ra. 12.01 Crores
1970-71	Ra. 9.00 Crores

(approximate)

Against the industrial loan of Rs. 1 crore, which was agreed to in 1964, an amount of Rs. 41.88 lakhs has been disbursed so far.

(b) The projects in Nepal which have been completed so far with the Indian aid are given in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT—483/71]

The projects which are under construction at present are given the statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT—483/71]

Literature on Yogic Culture

* 624. DR. MELKOTE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large number of people in our country and outside are genuinely interested in the subject of Yoga ;

(b) whether some publishers are earning large sums of money by publishing spurious literature describing systems of Yogic culture and Tantric exercises ; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take

for ringing out the fundamentals of this ancient Indian System ?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI UMA SHANKAR DIKSHIT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government are not aware of any such case.

(c) Several research projects to probe into the fundamentals of this system have been instituted by the Central Council for Research in Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy. The Ministry of Education and Social Welfare (Department of Education) have also a Scheme for promotion of Yoga under which financial assistance is given to Yoga Institutions of All-India Character for Yogic Research.

Action taken by India against Pakistan Propaganda

*626. SHRI BISWANATH JHUNJHUNWALA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Pakistan have informed the world capitals about India's war-like preparation against Pakistan and her belligerent attitude towards Pakistan ;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken adequate steps to dispel the wrong image created by Pindi ; and

(c) if so, what are those steps ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) Government have seen press reports that, as part of its intensified anti-Indian propaganda abroad, the Government of Pakistan have been making a number of baseless and unwarranted allegations against India.

(b) and (c). Government have through their Missions in foreign countries and through other media, made it clear that such persistent false and malicious anti-Indian propaganda by Pakistan is intended to divert attention from her atrocities in East Bengal.