

के बाद से फिर कोई मीटिंग नहीं हुई और अब जो स्थिति है उसका वर्णन मैंने दिया है।

**SHRIMATI JYOTSNA CHANDA :** Lathitilla and Pathni estate have been under the occupation of Pakistan for long years. I find from the statement that only some meetings were held to discuss the matter. May I know what other measures Government purpose to take to get these areas back ?

**SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA :** We propose to follow the methods which are laid down for settlement of boundary disputes, and, therefore, I have indicated what methods we have so far adopted. If the hon. member is asking for extraordinary methods, I do not think we should debate those methods here.

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS

##### Impact of Devaluation of Rouble

\*423. **SHRI R.R. SINGH DEO:** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Soviet Union has recently devalued rouble in relation to all major foreign currencies; and

(b) if so, its effect on India's foreign exchange position?

**THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YESHWANTRAO CHAVAN):** (a) The monthly list of exchange rates published for September 1971 by the Soviet State Bank on 1st September, 1971 shows among others, some depreciation in the value of the rouble in terms of foreign currencies like the Japanese Yen, the pound Sterling, the Swiss Franc, the Belgian Franc, the Dutch Guilder, the Deutsche Mark, the Austrian Schilling, the Swedish Kroner, the Italian Lira and the Canadian Dollar. The U.S. dollar, the French Franc and the Indian rupee are among the currencies for which new rates have not been prescribed.

(b) The above measure has no effect on India's foreign exchange position, as all transactions between India and the U.S.S.R. are conducted in inconvertible Indian

rupees, where the parity between the two currencies is governed by a gold clause. The parities of the rouble defined at 0.987412 gram of gold and of the rupee at 0.11849 gram of gold remain unchanged.

##### Setting up of a Fertilizer Factory Paradeep in Orissa

\*428 **SHRI D.B. CHANDRA GOWDA:** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 471 on the 14th June, 1971 regarding the setting up of a fertilizer factory at Paradeep in Orissa and state:

(a) whether the Fertilizer Corporation of India has since submitted its report regarding the setting up of the Fertilizer Factory; and

(b) if not, the reasons for delay?

**THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI P.C. SETHI):**

(a) and (b). No, sir. Detailed market surveys have been made. Alternative patterns of Production indicated by these surveys are being studied by the Corporation and the Feasibility Report is expected to be finalised as soon as the studies etc. are completed.

##### Foreign Exchange Earnings from tourists

\*429. **SHRI P.K. DEO:** Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total foreign exchange earnings from tourists during 1971;

(b) Whether inflow of tourists and foreign exchange earnings from them have considerably declined in the wake of Bangla Dosh problem;

(c) whether attention of Government has been drawn to a report in the "Statesman" dated the 15th September, 1971 under the caption "Bangla Dosh hits tourism"; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?