

The Minister of Planning, Petroleum and Chemicals and Social Welfare (Shri Anoka Mishra): (a) and (b). As announced in the statement made in Parliament on the 31st March, 1967, all proposals pending on the 31st March, 1967 for the establishment of fertilizer factories will be dealt with under the policy of December, 1965, provided negotiations with the concerned parties culminate in the issue of industrial licences by the 31st December, 1967 and the projects could be expected to make a timely contribution to the increase in indigenous production. Any new proposals received will be dealt with in the same manner, provided they satisfy the same conditions.

#### Expansion of Money Supply

\*317. Shri R. Barua: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether average expansion of money supply during the past six months following devaluation was on the increase;

(b) if so, at what rate the money supply went on; and

(c) the steps taken or contemplated to be taken to check this malady?

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) The money supply with the public declined during the six months' period following devaluation.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

#### Enquiry into Utilisation of Foreign Funds

\*318. Shri P. K. Dee: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether he had made a statement at a Press Conference held on the 24th March, 1967 that the Central Intelligence Bureau will be engaged to inquire into all foreign funds utilised in this country; and

(b) if so, when the investigation is likely to be completed and which are

the foreign funds that are to be probed into?

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) and (b). It will be recalled that during the half hour discussion in the Lok Sabha on March 23, the Foreign Minister announced that an enquiry would be made into the allegations that money from foreign sources had been used in the recent general elections. I was asked questions about this at my meeting with the press the next day, March 24, and I said I agreed that such an enquiry should take place and that it should cover the use of funds from any and all foreign sources about which allegations had been made. As stated by the Home Minister in this House on March 29, the Government have recently ordered the Intelligence Bureau to make such an enquiry and its findings are awaited.

#### Food Aid Consortium

621. Shri C. C. Desai:  
Shri A. K. Gopalan:  
Shri Umanath:  
Shri R. Barua:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Consortium consisting of some western countries and U.S.A. has been formed at the suggestion of U.S.A. to coordinate their food aid to India to tide over the present food situation in the country due to drought conditions; and

(b) if so, the composition of the Food Aid Consortium and how they are helping India to meet the shortage of foodgrains so far?

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) and (b). No, Sir. The U.S. Government have proposed that food aid, like economic aid, to developing