

Statement

".....In Asia, too, we see conflicts which have persisted from the days of founding of this great Organisation. I am referring specifically to Vietnam and to West Asia.

"There has been no lack of appreciation of a desire to achieve peace in Vietnam. But to what extent has this desire been translated into action? The stoppage of U.S. bombing DRVN has enabled talks to take place in Paris to find peaceful solution. The next steps have now to be taken. All parties to this dispute agree that the people of Vietnam should be left free to determine their own destiny, and no one seems to hold a brief for keeping foreign forces in that land. The first step to be taken is the immediate cessation of hostilities. Thereafter necessary arrangements have to be made for the withdrawal of foreign troops to enable the people of Vietnam to decide their future free from foreign interference. This process can be carried out effectively only if arrangements which inspire the confidence of all parties concerned can be established. The first step would, therefore, be to have a Government which is adequately representative to command the confidence and support of all sections of the people. Such a Government would be in a position in Vietnam to supervise the withdrawal of foreign forces and prepare for holding of fair elections. To facilitate this process for bringing peace in Vietnam the international community should pledge its full-co-operation and support..."

Handloom Industry in Eastern U.P.

- *334. SHRI SARJOO PANDEY ;
SHRI JAGESHWAR YADAV ;
SHRI ISHAQ SAMBHALI ;

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the handloom industry in Eastern U.P. is in a crisis due to high prices of yarn;

(b) whether a Kanpur industrialist who has the monopoly in supply of yarn in the area, had arbitrarily raised the price of yarn by 25 per cent;

(c) whether more than 35,000 looms are lying idle in two districts in Eastern U.P. during the last two months;

(d) whether the centre have received any representation from the handloom weavers in this connection; and

(e) if so, the steps taken to help the handloom industry in Eastern U.P. ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) Though there has been a rise in the prices of staple fibre yarn in Eastern U. P., Government are not aware of any crisis faced by the handloom industry in that area.

(b) The retail prices of staple fibre yarn of a mill in Eastern U.P., which supplies a portion of the staple fibre yarn, consumed in the area, increased by 25% in the current year, but recently the prices have shown a declining trend.

(c) No such information has been received.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Efforts are being made to persuade the industry to reduce the prices.

Non-Delivery of Letter to Madam Svetlana's Children by an Indian Diplomat

- *385. SHRI KIKAR SINGH ;
SHRI S. KUNDU ;
SHRI P. M. MEHTA ;
SHRI GUNANAND
THAKUR ;
SHRI K. LAKKAPPA ;
SHRI P. N. SOLANKI ;
SHRI D. R. PARMAR ;
SHRI YASHPAL SINGH ;
SHRI A. SREEDHARAN ;
SHRI CHANDRIKA
PRASAD ;
SHRI DEVAN SEN ;

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the News Papers Reports that 'The Indian Diplomat offered to deliver