

**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

the personal letter of Madam Svetlana, of U.S.S.R. to her children through the Indian Ambassador in Moscow';

(b) whether it is also a fact that the same was not delivered as stated above to the children;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the reaction in the foreign countries thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Government has seen such reports but there is no truth in them.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

**India's Balance of Trade and Balance of Payments**

\*386. SHRI P. C. ADICHAN: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) what was India's balance of trade and balance of payments during the year 1968-69 and at the end of June and September, 1969;

(b) whether it has been favourable as compared to previous years; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT): (a) According to the latest published figures India's net balance of payments on current account showed a deficit of Rs. 319.4 crores during April-December 1968 as against a deficit of Rs. 625.5 crores during the same period of 1967.

India's trade deficit in 1968-69 was Rs. 501.6 crores as against Rs. 808.9 crores in 1967-68. It was Rs. 4.9 crores in April—June 1969 as against Rs. 229.8 crores in April—June 1968 and Rs. 75.1 crores in April—September 1969 as against Rs. 302.2 crores in April-September 1968.

(c) It will thus be seen that there has been considerable improvement both in the

balance of payments and balance of trade positions during the periods under reference as compared to the corresponding periods of the preceding year.

(b) Does not arise.

**पूर्वोत्तर क्षेत्र में नये उद्योगों की स्थापना के सम्बन्ध में पटेल आयोग की सिफारिशें**

\*387. श्री राम सेवक यादव : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या पटेल आयोग ने अपने प्रतिवेदन में पूर्वोत्तर प्रदेश में निचंनता पिछड़ेपन तथा बेरोजगारी को दूर करने के लिए उन क्षेत्रों में कुछ नये उद्योग स्थापित करने तथा नई सड़कों का निर्माण करने की सिफारिश की थी ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इन सुझावों को अब तक कितना कार्यान्वित किया गया है ; और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) क्या इन सुझावों की कार्यान्विति के लिए कोई निर्धारित कार्यक्रम है, और यदि हां, तो उसका व्यौरा क्या है ?

प्रधान मंत्री, वित्त मंत्री, अणु शक्ति मंत्री तथा योजना मंत्री (श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी) : (क) से (ग). अतारांकित प्रश्न संख्या 2602 से सम्बन्धित आश्वासन की पूर्ति के लिए 21 नवम्बर, 1969 को सभा पटल पर रखे गये विवरण की ओर ध्यान आकर्षित किया जाता है। राज्य सरकारों से नवीनतम सूचना की अभी प्रतीक्षा की जा रही है।

**पाकिस्तान के लिये रूस से हथियार**

\*388. श्री शिव कुमार शास्त्री :

श्री विभूति मिश्र :

क्या प्रतिरक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रूस पाकिस्तान