

खबरें देखी हैं जिनमें आयरलैंड में हमारे राज-दूतावास के खिलाफ कुछ शिकायतें थीं।

(ख) सरकार ने डबलिन स्थित अपने राजदूतावास से इस विषय पर पत्र-व्यवहार किया है और उठाई गई बातों का स्पष्टीकरण मांगा है।

Proposal to Discontinue Tariff Preferences extended to India by British Government

*454. SHRI GADILINGANA GOWD : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal on the part of the British Government to discontinue tariff preferences now being extended to India along with other Commonwealth countries ;

(b) whether the Government of India have taken up this question with the British Government to ensure continuance of special trade ties ; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the British Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) Government are not aware of any such move, except in the case of cotton textiles where the British Government have proposed to withdraw from 1st January, 1972 almost the entire preference on imports of cotton textiles from the Commonwealth preference area.

(b) and (c). The Government of India have not accepted the British proposal to introduce tariffs on cotton textiles and the matter is under discussion between the two Governments.

Visit by French Textile Delegation to India

*456. SHRI HIMATSINGKA : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a French textile delegation recently visited this country to enter into an agreement for the export of Indian fabrics ; and

(b) if so, the outcome of the talks and the extent of likely exports of different types of Indian textiles to France during the current year ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) and (b). A private team of French buyers of textile and leather products visited India during October/November this year. The team held discussions with the Indian exporters/manufacturers but the Government are not aware of the details of arrangements entered into or contracts concluded, if any, by them with the Indian parties.

Policemen Suspected of having Complicity in Murders in West Bengal

*457. SHRI GANESH GHOSH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that taking advantage of the indiscriminate murders by the Naxalites, a number of police personnel in West Bengal have been recently found to have taken part in murders ;

(b) if so, how many Police personnel in West Bengal have been suspected of having complicity in the murders ;

(c) how many of them are Constables, Sub-Inspectors and Inspectors of Police ; and

(d) how many of them have been apprehended and what action has been taken against them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE, DEPARTMENTS OF ELECTRONICS AND SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) It is not correct that a number of police personnel in West Bengal have been so found to have taken part in murders.

(b) to (d). According to information available, one constable of the State police has been arrested in connection with a case of murder ; the case is under investigation.