

**World Bank's report on Indian Economy**

\*818. SHRI DEVINDER SINGH GARCHA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the latest report of the World Bank in which a reference has been made to the slow rate of economic growth in India and various other matters ;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ;

(c) whether this view of the World Bank has in any way affected the loans, grants/ aids being given to India ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN) : (a) to (d). The latest report of the World Bank on India's economic situation is the one prepared by the Bank Staff in April, 1970, as background material for the meeting of the Aid India Consortium held in May, 1970. The report took note of the encouraging progress in the Indian economy over the last few years. The Consortium after considering the facts commended the continued improvements in India's economic situation in 1969-70, especially the continuation of the momentum in agricultural production, recovery in industrial production and export performance in respect of non-traditional items like engineering goods. It was agreed at this meeting that India needed substantial new commitments of non project as well as project aid if the growth of the economy was to be sustained and accelerated. The commitments of fresh aid for 1970-71 are likely to be around Rs. 640 crores as against Rs. 610 crores for the previous year 1969-70.

**Sale of Buildings in Calcutta by Big Industrial Houses**

\*819. SHRI SHASHI BHUSHAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the names and number of big industrial houses which are selling their buildings in Calcutta ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Life Insurance Corporation and Banks are also purchasing those buildings, if so, the

details regarding the number of buildings purchased by them separately and the cost at which purchased ;

(c) whether before purchasing the buildings by the banks and L.I.C. it is ensured that the price is not being paid more than the present market value thereof ; and

(d) in case the price paid is more, the specific reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN) : (a) The information is not available.

(b) to (d). The L. I. C. has not received any such offers and no purchases have been made or are being negotiated. As regards nationalised Banks information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of House as soon as it is available.

**Raids in Ahmedabad to unearth Black Money**

\*820 SHRI MUHAMMAD SHERIFF :  
SHRI N. R. LASKAR :  
SHRI NARYANAN :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether about Rs. 2 crores of black money was traced by the Customs and Income Tax officials in raids in Ahmedabad during the month of November, 1970 ;

(b) whether such raids were held in Calcutta, Bombay, Madras and Delhi as well ;

(c) if so, the results thereof ; and

(d) whether Government would chalk out some definite programme for conducting such raids monthly/yearly and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) Searches were carried out in Ahmedabad of certain premises by the Income tax and Customs and Central Excise authorities in October and November, 1970 as a result of which 200 Kgs. of silver, Indian currency amounting to Rs. 340 lakhs and books of account and other documents were seized.

(b) No searches were carried out in Calcutta, Bombay, Madras and Delhi in

connection with the searches made at Ahmedabad.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Searches are made under the law and have to be preceded, in each case, by a careful judgement and reasonable belief that some contraband goods or currency are secreted in a place or that the evidence of tax evasion or other offence can be secured only through a search of the premises. By the nature of things, therefore, there cannot be a routine programme of periodical searches.

#### Research Institutions Dependent on Foreign Aid

\*821. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of research institutions which are mainly dependent on foreign money for their activities and the types of research carried on by each institution ;

(b) the amount of foreign money received by each institution from each country during the last three years ;

(c) whether Government are aware that some of these institutions have been sponsored by the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency for carrying on subversive activities in India in the name of scientific research. If so, the details thereof ; and

(d) what steps, if any, have been and are being taken to curb the role of foreign money in India ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN) : (a) Since there would be a number of institutions conducting research of all kinds including industrial research, market research, social research and other types of pure and applied research, it would not be feasible to collect information of the type desired.

(b) Exchange control data is not maintained on these lines. However, for any specific institution, if the name is given, an effort will be made to furnish the information for remittances of Rs. 10,000/- and more received by it on each occasion.

(c) and (d). Government have no information to indicate that any of the existing Research Institutions are getting

any grant from foreign intelligence agencies. With a view to reduce the dependence of Research Institutions on foreign assistance and to keep an effective check on the utilisation of such assistance, the Council of Social Sciences Research has also been established. Government have under consideration a comprehensive legislation to regulate the receipt of funds from foreign organisations, agencies or individuals.

#### सुरम्य तथा ऐतिहासिक स्थलों का पर्यटन केन्द्रों के रूप में विकास

\*822. श्री ओम प्रकाश त्यागी : क्या पर्यटन तथा असेनिक उद्घटन मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने सभी राज्य सरकारों से ऐसे सुरम्य तथा ऐतिहासिक स्थलों के नामों की सूची भेजने के लिए कहा है जिनका विकास पर्यटन केन्द्रों के रूप में किया जा सके ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका व्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) पर्यटन केन्द्रों के रूप में विकास करने के लिए सरकार ने किस-किस स्थल को प्राथमिकता देने का निश्चय किया है ; और

(घ) इसके लिए सरकार ने क्या मापदंड अपनाया है ?

पर्यटन तथा असेनिक उद्घटन मन्त्री : (डा० कर्ण सिंह) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) और (घ). पर्यटन स्कीमों को केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा राज्य-वार आधार पर नहीं, अपितु पर्यटकों के लिए किसी स्थान के वास्तविक श्रयवा प्रत्यक्षित आकर्षण को ध्यान में रखते हुए तथा साधनों की सीमा के अन्तर्गत रहते हुए तैयार एवं क्रियान्वित किया जाता है । चौथी योजना के दौरान, जिन स्थानों को पर्यटन विकास के लिए प्राथमिकता दी जा रही है वे ये हैं ; गुल्मर्ग, कोबालम, कुल्लू-मनाली तथा बोघाया-राजगिरि-नालन्दा काम्प्लेक्स । भाषेट पशु शरण स्थानों के विकास, युवा