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Transcript of Questions and answers between members of the Rajya Sabha and the Minister of Defence Shri Jagjivan Ram on China's development of rockets capable of delivering nuclear weapons.

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(b) the number of Missions where attached staff quarters have been constructed and whether these quarters are sufficient to provide accommodation to all ; and

(c) if not, the amount of rent paid for hiring additional flats/bungalows ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) The information is not readily available and is being collected from Indian Missions abroad ;

(b) Attached staff quarters have been constructed or purchased in 11 Indian Missions abroad. These quarters are not sufficient to provide accommodation to all the staff members ;

(c) The total expenditure on the renting of additional flats and bungalows for staff in 10 of these stations during 1971-72 was Rs. 36,33,915.38. Information relating to the residences in Pakistan is not readily available.

Information regarding the expenditure incurred in 1972-73 is not readily available and is being collected from Indian Missions abroad.

Development of Nuclear Rocket by China

*136. SHRI N. G. GORAY :

SHRI GOLAP BARBORA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken note of the recent development of a nuclear rocket by China ; and

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

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The implications of available information on the subject, in terms of national security, are periodically assessed and taken into account in planning our defence measures.

Legislation on Industrial Relations

*137. SHRI SANDA NARAYANAPPA :

SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA :

SHRI SURAJ PRASAD :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have finalised the drafting of the new Industrial Relations Bill ; and

(b) if so, by when the Bill is likely to be introduced in Parliament ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI K. V. RAGHUNATHA REDDY) : (a) and (b) : The details of the new Bill are still being worked out and efforts are being made to introduce the Bill in Parliament as early as possible.

*138. [Transferred to the 21st November, 1973]

Expenditure on Pak POWs

*139. SHRI SUHRID MULLICK
CHOUDHURY :

SHRI SALIL KUMAR GANGULI :

SHRI SASANKASEKHAR
ANYAL :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the expenditure incurred on the Pakistani POWs from 1st April to 30th September, 1973?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM) : The expenditure incurred on the Pakistani Prisoners of War (including Civilians Under Protective Custody) from 1st April to 30th September, 1973 as per compiled actuals, is Rs. 7,69,90,000.00.

Structural Changes in Labour Laws

*140. SHRI S. G. SARDESAI :

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA :

SHRI U. K. LAKSHMANA
GOWDA :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to reply to the Unstarred Question No. 254 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th July, 1973 and state :

(a) whether recommendations of the National Commission on Labour have been examined to bring about structural changes in labour laws ; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken to implement them ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI K. V. RAGHUNATHA REDDY) : (a) and (b) The recommendations of the National Commission on Labour involving amendments to Labour laws have been under examination. In particular, it is proposed