

Central Assistance to Rajasthan

- *532. **Shri Narasimha Reddy :**
Shri Gulshan :
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa :
Shri Hukam Chand Kachhawaiya :
Shri Bade :

Will the Minister of **Finance** be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a news item appearing in the Hindustan Times of the 18th June, 1966 stating that Rajasthan has a deficit of Rs. 22 crores and the same will have to be met by a loan from the Central Government or overdraft from the Reserve Bank ; and

(b) if so, reaction of Government thereto ?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Finance (Shri L. N. Mishra) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Rajasthan was sanctioned adequate loan assistance for the purpose at the end of June last and also advised to effect maximum economies in expenditure so as to restrict it to the resources in sight.

National Income

- *533. **Shri Ram Sewak Yadav :**
Shri Madhu Limaye :

Will the Minister of **Planning and Social Welfare** be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any comparative study of the national income, development of coal, steel and other basic industries in China, Japan and India during the 15 years period ending on the 1st April, 1966; and

(b) if so, the results of this study ?

The Minister of Planning and Social Welfare (Shri Asoka Mehta) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) The question does not arise.

Electronic Computers

534. **Shri Tridib Kumar Chaudhuri :**
Shri P. C. Borooah :
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa :

Will the Minister of **Finance** be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact that an agreement was concluded between the Government of India and Messrs Honey Wells Inc., a private U. S. firm, in the last week of June, 1966 under terms of which 10 electronic computers would be supplied by the latter at a cost of 7 million dollars for use by the various Departments of Government;

(b) the Departments and places where these computers would be installed; and

(c) the considerations on which the Department of Economic Affairs gave foreign exchange clearance for the purchase of these computers?

The Minister in the Ministry of Finance (Shri B. R. Bhagat) :

(a) The Government of India have entered into an Agreement on 28th June, 1966 with M/s. Honeywell Inc. of the U.S.A. for the purchase of 10 Honeywell Computer Systems Model 400 with spare parts for 5 years at a concessional price of \$125,000 each i.e. \$1.25 million in all.

(b) The exact distribution of the computers between the various indentors has not been decided yet since the demand is more than the supply.

(c) The following considerations weighed with Government in accepting the offer:

(i) The firm was prepared to sell the computers with spare parts for 5 years at \$25 million as against their book value of \$7.5 million approximately ;

(ii) their acquisition would give a considerable opportunity for an advancement in essential computer techniques in India; and