

In view of the above, the question of any assurance on deferring promotions did not arise.

Measures to cut down Government Expenditure

9499. SHRI K. PRADHANI :
SHRI M.S.K. SATHIYENDRAN :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether recently some directives have been issued to various Ministries and Departments to take necessary measures to cut down expenditure; and

(b) whether some guidelines have also been issued to States in this regard and if so, the details thereof ?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO) : (a) Yes, Sir. Besides instructions which already exist on economy, Government has recently issued guidelines/instructions to all Ministries/Departments to effect economy in expenditure. A statement indicating these instructions is enclosed.

(b) The State Governments have also been requested to economise on non-plan expenditure, avoid infructuous expenditure and every kind of waste, practise austerity and to cut down non-plan, non-developmental expenditure to avoid further overdrafts.

Statement

Ministries/Departments have been instructed to effect economy in expenditure as under :-

- (1) Ministers and officials should undertake travel abroad only on absolutely important business. Even in such cases the size of the delegations and duration of their stay abroad should be restricted to the minimum possible.
- (2) Only Ministers of Cabinet rank travelling abroad will be allowed in

future to take their Private Secretary with them. Other Ministers should use the services of PAs/Stenographers from the Missions of the countries they visit.

- (3) The arrangements of 24-hour armed police guard at the residence will, in future, be limited to cabinet Ministers and others of equivalent rank. In all other cases of persons who were allowed such facility in the past, arrangements for guard will be limited to night time only.
- (4) The practice of providing armed guards on a continuous basis to foreign Embassies in India should be discontinued. Special arrangements for security for the Embassies for specific occasions should be made wherever found necessary but long term arrangements for providing security, if requested by the Embassies, should be on payment basis.

2. In addition, Public Sector Undertakings, Commodity Boards, etc. which maintain foreign offices, have been asked to undertake a review on the need and usefulness of these offices and introduce economies in expenditure. Ministries should also examine the possibility of having combined foreign offices for Public Sector Undertakings under their charge which have similar functions.

Assistance by Financial Institutions to Industrial Sector

6500. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to lay a statement showing :

- (a) what are the various all India financial institutions providing financial assistance to industrial sector ;
- (b) whether these all India financial institutions have branches in the capitals of different States ;
- (c) if so, the names of the States where the branches of these financial institutions have been opened ; and