

**Posting of Accounts Officer as incharge
in Employees Provident Fund
Organisation**

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Will the Minister of LABOUR be
pleased to state

(a) whether there are instructions that in regional offices under the Employees Provident Fund Organisation where Assistant Provident Fund Commissioners have been posted, Accounts Officer should not be made Incharge of Administration,

(b) whether in contravention of this instruction a deputationist Accounts Officer in Bihar region has been made Incharge of administration when Assistant Provident Fund Commissioner (Gr I) has been posted there, and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI BAL-
GOVIND VERMA)** The Provident
Fund Authorities have reported as
under —

(a) In the Regional Offices of the Employees Provident Fund Organisation Accounts Officers are not required to be burdened with the administrative work

(b) and (c) In Bihar region, on account of certain administrative exigencies, the Regional Commissioner had entrusted the work of administration to the Accounts Officer from October, 1974 This arrangement has however, since been discontinued

Shipping Protocol with Soviet Union

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Will the Minister of SHIPPING
AND TRANSPORT be pleased to
state

(a) whether a Shipping Protocol
has been signed with the Soviet Union
to increase the sea cargo between the
two countries, and

(b) if so, the main features thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND
TRANSPORT (SHRI H M TRIVEDI).**

(a) and (b) The Indo-Soviet Shipping service is normally reviewed at Government level once in three years For the review due in 1974, a Shipping Delegation from the Government of USSR visited India in January, 1975 At the end of the talks a Protocol was signed The main features of the Protocol are as follows —

(i) It was noted that during 1974 the cargo turn-over was 950 000 tonnes representing an increase of 30 per cent over the corresponding figure for 1973

(ii) It was estimated that the cargo turn-over during 1975 would be 10 70 000 tonnes and it was decided that the level of sailings should be adjusted accordingly

(iii) Suitable sailings to cater to the movement of 370,000 tonnes of fertilisers during 1975 including the backlog of 35,000 tonnes pertaining to 1974 would be arranged

(iv) It was also agreed that Indo-Soviet Shipping service should keep pace with the technological improvements in the transportation of cargoes and take necessary measures to introduce such improvements in a phased manner.

Visit of Soviet Shipping Delegation

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SHRI D P JADEJA**

Will the Minister of SHIPPING
AND TRANSPORT be pleased to
state

(a) whether a ten member Soviet Shipping delegation has visited India to review the working of the Indo-Soviet Shipping services recently, and

(b) if so, the outcome of the talks held?