

India out of the total amount of aid and for how much the U.S. Government have made a gift to India from time to time; and

(c) how the performance of the U.S. Government in respect of the above compares with other friendly countries?

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) Statements showing the amounts for which agreements have been signed with the U.S. Government upto 31-3-1967 in respect of (i) dollar loans, (ii) dollar grants, (iii) PL 480 Commodity Assistance and (iv) Rupee loans and grants from PL 480 rupee accruals are given in Annexures I to IV laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-571/67].

(b) From the rupee accruals against PL 480 commodity imports, the U. S. Government upto 31st March 1967:—

- (i) disbursed Rs. 878.85 crores from loan agreements and Rs. 321.63 crores from grants to Government of India,
- (ii) spent Rs. 122.11 crores for their own uses in India, and
- (iii) disbursed Rs. 56.69 crores as loans (Cooley loans) to Indo-US joint ventures.

(c) A comparison of the aid received from different countries is not possible as the terms, conditions and the purposes of the aid and the economic capacity of the lending countries differ. It may however be stated that the total assistance from the U.S.A. to India is larger than from any other country.

Planned and Non-Planned Expenditure

1966. Shri G. S. Mishra: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the non-plan expenditure being more as compared

to the expenditure in the budget estimates for 1967-68;

(b) the check exercised over the ratio of non-plan expenditure/Plan expenditure and whether the Planning Commission have fixed some guide-lines for this;

(c) whether Government are aware that the rate of rise of non-plan expenditure is 48 per cent more than that of revised estimate of 1966-67 and the rate of rise of plan expenditure has been 1.8 per cent more than that of revised estimate of 1966-67; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to check further decline in this proportion of non-plan and plan expenditure?

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) to (d). It is the endeavour of the Government to keep non-plan expenditure in check so that it becomes possible to increase progressively the tempo of plan expenditure. However, in the current year, in view of the difficult budgetary and price situation, it has been necessary to exercise the utmost restraint on both plan and non-plan expenditure. It is true that plan expenditure for 1967-68 is of the same order as that for 1966-67 revised. It is not true, however, that non-plan expenditure shows a high rate of increase. In fact, the Centre's non-plan expenditure in the Budget Estimates for 1967-68 is 10.5 per cent smaller as compared to the preceding year's level. Even if allowance is made for special factors, non-plan expenditure of the Centre in 1967-68 does not show any significant increase over the preceding year's level. As economic conditions improve, it will be possible to step up developmental outlays without pressure on the price level and this will raise the proportion of plan expenditure in relation to non-plan expenditure.