

organisation soon after their retirement, at least for 5 years ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI SWARAN SINGH) : (a) Only one such case has come to the notice of the Government and this pertained to a civilian of the status of a Depot Manager who retired in 1966.

(b) Nothing has come to the notice of Government to suspect the *bona-fides* on the dealings of the officer in question.

(c) According to the existing orders, service officers of the rank of Colonel and above are debarred from taking up commercial employment within 2 years of the date of retirement without prior Government permission, and these restrictions are considered adequate. Since there are at present no civilians in the Department equivalent to the rank of Colonel and above, and also since the civilian posts are non-pensionable, the question of extending similar restrictions to the civilian officers of the Department does not arise.

Reduction in Indian Army Strength

1543. **SHRI N. SHIVAPPA :** Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Army strength has been reduced;

(b) whether it has been considered after receiving the "Teeth-to-tail" ratio; and

(c) if so, the details regarding the last three years experience report ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI SWARAN SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) . Do not arise.

Indo Bulgarian Trade

1544. **SHRI N. SHIVAPPA :**
SHRI S. R. DAMANI :
SHRI N. R. LASKAR :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that India and Bulgaria have signed a protocol to double the trade between the two countries;

(b) the main items of import from Bulgaria and the nature of items which India propose to export; and

(c) the estimate of volume and amount involved in the exports ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) . A Bulgarian Trade Delegation recently visited India. On the conclusion of the trade talks, a Protocol was signed on 13. 10 1969, envisaging that the trade turnover between the two countries during 1970 would be of the order of Rs. 440 million. Major items of export from India to Bulgaria will be rolled steel products, wire ropes, finished and semi-finished leather, forgings and castings, knitting machines, tipper trucks and other engineering goods, drugs and pharmaceuticals, aluminium foils etc., in addition to traditional commodities. Principal items of import from Bulgaria into India will be urea, tractors, drugs and pharmaceuticals, special steels and rolled steel products, caprolactum and other industrial raw materials, non-ferrous metals and miscellaneous items of machinery. Copies of this Protocol have been made available to the Parliament Library.

Import of Industrial Raw Materials

1545. **SHRI M. SUDARSANAM :** Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state ;

(a) the quantity and value of industrial raw materials imported into India during the period from the 1st April to 31st September, 1969;

(b) how much of it is already being canalised through the State Trading Corporation and Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation; and

(c) what is the break-up ?