

Purchase of Publications Favouring India's Stand on Rabat Conference

10383. SHRI S. C. SAMANTA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have purchased a large number of copies of booklets and other publications favouring Indian attempt to attend Rabat Conference ; and

(b) whether the Government will place a detailed statement on the Table of the House mentioning the various publications

with their authorship, names and addresses of publishers, price per copy, number of copies ordered, amounts paid by Government to various parties and date and manner of distribution of these publications by official agencies ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) and (b). A detailed statement is attached of the booklets on Rabat purchased by Government of India.

Statement

Title	Author	Publishers	Price per copy	No. of copies purchased	Amount paid
*1. Rabat Before and After	Dr. Gopal Singh	Dr. Gopal Singh, New Delhi.	Re. 1/-	4,000	Rs. 2,800/- (@ bulk purchase rates)
2. India and West Asia	Shri K. Rangaswami	Shri K. Rangaswami, New Delhi.	50 paise	2,000	Rs. 800/- (@ bulk purchase rates)
3. Rabat	Shri Pran Chopra	M/s Impact Publications Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi.	Rs. 1/75	4,000	Rs. 5,600/- (@ bulk purchase rates)
4. Rabat Kand Aur Bharat Sarkar	Shri Anand Jain	Shri Anand Jain, New Delhi.	Bulk purchase	5,000	Rs. 437.47 (@ bulk purchase rates)

High Cost of Indigenous Machinery Issued for Irrigation Purposes

10384. SHRI VIRENDRAKUMAR SHAH : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a news-item published in the *Financial Express* of 23rd April, 1970, under the caption, "State Plans to Tackle Diesel Oil Engine Glut" ;

(b) whether it is a fact that cost of indigenous machinery is higher than that of imported ones by 40 to 200 per cent ;

(c) whether Government insists on

certain States to use indigenous machinery only ;

(d) whether in a given outlay, the irrigation potential in Maharashtra will be reduced by about 50 per cent due to high cost of indigenous machinery ; and

(e) if the answer to question (d) above be in the affirmative, whether Government would compensate those States which are compelled to use indigenous machinery ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

*The publications were distributed in the usual manner during November and December, 1969.