

ad hoc increments to those non-industrial and industrial employees in various Defence establishments who are stagnating at maximum of the grade for two or more years; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to meet this demand?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI SWARAN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is being examined by the Government as a general issue. If and when general orders are issued for the civil side the question of extending them to the Defence side will be considered.

Exports to Saudi Arabia

7911. SHRI ABDUL GHANI DAR: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of foreign exchange received from Saudi Arabia through exports made to that country during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the names of the commodities which were exported during these years, year-wise; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the export of cloth is decreasing and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI RAM SEWAK): (a) Out exports to Saudi Arabia have been as follows:—

(Rs. in lakhs)				
1966-67 (April-May)	1966-67 June- March	1967-68	1968-69	1969-70 April- Dec. (9 months)
21	438	590	1097	1053

(b) A statement is placed on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-3345/70]

(c) No, Sir. Our exports of textiles have on the other hand increased from Rs. 90.5 lakhs during 1967-68 to Rs. 106 lakhs during 1968-69.

Haj Report for 1970

7912. SHRI ABDUL GHANI DAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister received Haj report for 1970 from Government delegation or from any Member of Parliament;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir; a report titled "Haj Report-1970" written jointly by Begum Shamshad Dar and the Hon'ble Member, has been received in Government.

(b) It was received in March, 1970.

(c) Since the Hon'ble Member is the co-author of the report, he is, I presume, well aware of the details. Government have read the report with much interest.

Israeli Embassy's Criticism of a Member of Parliament

7913. SHRI ABDUL GANI DAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some countries have lodged strong protests against mischievous propaganda carried on by Israel representative in India through its bulletins or through other literature;

(b) whether it is also a fact that on the 12th January, 1970 the Israel Embassy criticised any Member of Parliament; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) While not lodging "strong protests" some Embassies have conveyed their concern to us, regarding the recent activities of the Israeli Consul in India.

(b) and (c). There is no Israeli Embassy in India. The question perhaps arises out of the Israeli Consulate's press release of January 13, 1970, which did mention the Hon'ble