

CIVILIAN OFFICERS IN DEFENCE SERVICES

839 SHRIMATI LALITHA (RAJA-GOPALAN) Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state

(a) whether there are any gazetted civilian officers in Defence services directly recruited in the gazetted rank who have not been promoted to the next higher grade in spite of their many years of service, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH) (a) and (b) Information is not readily available and the time and expenditure to be incurred in collecting it will not be commensurate with the results.

CONTROL ON PRODUCTION OF MISSILES

840 SHRI N SRI RAMA REDDY Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether any talks were held so far between USA and USSR on control or limiting the production of missiles,

(b) whether China has been invited for such talks and

(c) if so, what are the reactions from various sides?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) (a) to (c) The Government have no information

EXPLOSION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON SEA-BED

841 SHRI N SRI RAMA REDDY Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether any international agreement in prohibiting explosion of nuclear

weapons of mass destruction on the sea-bed has been arrived at?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) Yes, Madam, the Moscow Partial Test Ban Treaty of 1963 bans nuclear weapon tests under water including the sea bed

SMUGGLING OF COCONUT OIL FROM CEYLON TO INDIA

842 SHRI R K PODDAR Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state

(a) whether Government are aware of large scale smuggling in coconut oil from Ceylon to India

(b) whether coconut oil is cheaper in Ceylon than in India and

(c) whether any effort has been made to increase the production of coconut in India and to extend its area of cultivation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (CHOW DHARY RAM SEWAK) (a) No, Madam During 1967 and 1968, only 31 kgs of Ceylonese coconut oil were seized by Customs authorities

(b) and (c) Yes, Madam

CONCLUSION OF SECRET PROTOCOL DURING TASHKENT MEETING

843 SHRI R K PODDAR Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether the attention of the Government of India was drawn to the London Sunday Telegraph report on March 2, 1969 alleging that a secret protocol was concluded during the Tashkent meeting and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government of India thereto and the action taken to refute the press report?