

Questions

Projects presently under consideration are therefore aimed at providing commodities and spare parts which are urgently required to keep Pakistan's industries functioning.

Bangladesh's immediate rehabilitation and reconstruction requirements will continue to predominate over long term development considerations for some time to come. At the present time projects involving locomotive spare parts and replacement parts for existing Canadian projects are under consideration in CIDA. Discussions are continuing with the government of Bangladesh to identify additional priority reconstruction and rehabilitation requirements.

4. In addition to previously announced contributions to multilateral and Canadian voluntary organizations, arrangements are currently being made to provide \$15 million in wheat to Bangladesh, and discussions are under way with the Bangladesh government on the provision of an additional \$5 million worth of either wheat or rapeseed oil.

TRAINING OF BRITISH TROOPS AT SUFFIELD, ALBERTA—
LOCATION OF THE DEFENCE RESEARCH
ESTABLISHMENT

Question No. 579—Mrs. MacInnis:

1. Did the British-based ship *Sir Bedivere* during the first week of May, 1972, unload a cargo of heavy duty tanks and ammunition at the Port of Vancouver?

2. Was the cargo bound for the site of the Defence Research Establishment at Suffield, Alberta and, if not, what was its destination?

3. Did another ship with a similar cargo arrive in April?

4. Is another ship expected about the middle of May?

5. Is a ten-year agreement in force by which British troops in groups of between 600 and 1,000 men will train each year for about three weeks between the months of May and November on three training sites, one of them being Suffield?

6. Are such troops being trained for urban and guerilla warfare and, if not, for what purpose are they being trained?

7. Are such troops to be used in Ireland?

8. What is the area of the training base at Suffield?

9. What studies, if any, were made as to the effect of such training on the grassland ecology of the area?

10. What is the anticipated cost of developing the base facilities for this troop training at Suffield?

11. What is the expected annual payroll cost of permanent Canadian and British staffs, and of civilian employees hired locally?

Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Department of National Defence and the Department of Environment as follows: 1. Yes.

2. The destination of the cargo was Canadian Forces Base, Suffield but has no connection with the Defence Research Establishment.

3. No. However, two ships arrived in March with cargoes of staff cars, armoured personnel carriers and heavy engineer equipment.

4. Yes. The ship arrived on 14 May, 1972.

5. The ten-year agreement relates to various aspects of training in Canada but the training of British forces in

[Mr. Sharp.]

groups between 600 and 1,000 men applies only to Suffield.

6. No, the troops are from units in the NATO formation, British army of the Rhine, and are being trained in the conduct of conventional warfare.

7. British authorities have confirmed that the training to be conducted in Suffield is not related in any way with the British troop operations in northern Ireland.

8. The area of the whole Canadian Forces Base, Suffield is 629,910.12 acres. Approximately two-thirds of the area will be used by British forces for training purposes.

9. See Sessional Paper No. 283-7/44 tabled October 27, 1971.

10. New construction costs, which are recoverable from Great Britain are estimated to be \$1,232,000.

11. Annual payroll costs are estimated to be approximately \$1,400,000. The costs of the permanent Canadian staff and civilians hired locally will be recovered from the British government.

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA—NUMBER OF INDIAN STUDENTS
REGISTERED FOR HIGH SCHOOL

Question No. 603—Mr. Dinsdale:

1. How many Indian students from Northern Reserve communities in Manitoba registered for High School in Winnipeg last fall?

2. How many of these are still attending school?

3. What reasons for leaving school were given by those who dropped out?

Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the reply to Part I is 334 and the reply to Part II is 201. In reply to Part III, the following reasons were given for dropouts: (a) Problems of social adjustment in school and boarding home; (b) Family problems at home which necessitate withdrawing from school.

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QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

GRANTS MADE BY NATIONAL HARBOURS BOARD IN LIEU
OF TAXATION

Question No. 76—Mr. McCleave:

On what date or dates, and in what amounts, did the National Harbours Board make grants in lieu of taxation for each year since, and inclusive of, 1967, to (a) Halifax (b) Saint John (c) Quebec City (d) Montreal (e) Vancouver?

Return tabled.