

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO  
QUESTIONS

Cement Price

\*1087. Shri Heda: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether Government are considering the question of lowering the prices of cement with a view to give relief to the consumer?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): No, Sir. Attention is invited to the reply given on the 5th December, 1957 to part (d) of Starred Question No. 824 by Shri Narasimhan.

Textile Machinery from  
East Germany

\*1091. Shri Shivananjappa: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the East German group of the textile machine manufacturers (Textima) has booked orders for the supply of textile machinery to Indian textile mills;

(b) if so, the value of those orders;

(c) whether part of the machinery under those orders has been supplied; and

(d) when the delivery against the pending orders is likely to be effected?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rs. 33,20,000.

(c) Not yet, Sir.

(d) By December, 1958.

सीमेंट का निर्यात

\*१०६२. श्री आसुर : क्या बाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को ज्ञात है कि सीमेंट न मिलने के कारण जनता को बड़ी कठिनाई हो रही है और उसे चोर बाजार से ११ या १२ रुपये प्रति बोरी की दर से सीमेंट खरीदना पड़ता है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो सामान्य जनता को सीमेंट उपलब्ध करने के लिये क्या व्यवस्था की गई है ?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री मनुभाई शाह) :

(क) सरकार को पता है कि सीमेंट की मौजूदा सप्लाई इतनी काफी नहीं है कि सभी मांगें पूरी तौर पर पूरी की जा सकें और मांग के मुताबिक सप्लाई न होने से बड़ी कमी महसूस की जाती है ।

(ख) राज्यों को सीमेंट का प्रलाटमेंट प्रकतूबर १९५७ से २१,५७० टन प्रति मास बढ़ा दिया गया है और भगली जनवरी 'से उसे २५,००० टन प्रति मास और बढ़ाया जा रहा है । राज्य सरकारों को सलाह दी गई है कि वे ग्राम जनता को दिये जाने वाले सीमेंट का अनुपात बढ़ा दें और जहाँ कहीं स्थानीय हालतों को देखते हुए मुमकिन हो, सीमेंट बाँटने के इंतजाम में कुछ ढिलाई करने पर विचार करे ।

Sugar and Textile Mills in Punjab

\*1093. Sardar Iqbal Singh: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Punjab Co-operative Sugar and Textile Mills have asked for any financial help either as loans or grants from the Government of India; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken in the matter?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Indians in Qatar

\*1094. { Shri A. K. Gopalan:  
Shri Warrior:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had received any representation from the

Indian employees in Qatar, Persian Gulf regarding refusal of the political agent of Doha to issue "No Objection Certificates" on the ground that those employees are Hindus;

(b) whether any information had been received from the Indian Consul at Muscat; and

(c) the action taken by Government on the representation?

**The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon):**

(a) Representations have been received from Hindu employees in Qatar that 'No Objection Certificates' had been refused in respect of their families on religious grounds.

(b) Yes.

(c) The Indian Consul, Muscat, has referred the matter to the Ruler of Qatar and his decision is awaited. The Consul is also visiting Qatar shortly to obtain first hand information for the Government of India. He will also discuss the matter with the authorities in Qatar. On receipt of his report, appropriate action will be taken through the proper channels.

#### Export of Graphite

\*1095. **Shri Balarama Krishnaiah:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal with Government to prevent the export of graphite to foreign countries in view of its importance in usage of Atomic Reactors; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo):** (a) Export of graphite is banned.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Export Promotion Council for Cashew and Pepper

\*1096. **Shri Kumaran:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the delegation sponsored by the Cashew and Pepper Council has submitted any report to Government about its study tour in European countries; and

(b) if so, what are the main suggestions or recommendations of that report?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement showing the main suggestions or recommendations of the Delegation is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix IV annexure No. 23].

#### Gramodyog Centre in Orissa

\*1097. **Shri Sanganna:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to establish a Gramodyog Centre in the State of Orissa by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission is under the consideration of Government; and

(b) if so, with what results?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Central Sericultural Research Station, Berhampore (W. Bengal)

\*1100. { **Shri H. N. Mukerjee:**  
**Shri M. Elias:**

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the committee appointed to review the work of the Central Sericultural Research Station, Berhampore, West Bengal has held any meetings;

(b) if so, how many and on what dates; and

(c) what decisions, if any, have been taken regarding future development of the station?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo):** (a) Yes, Sir.