

Report of the Plantation Inquiry Commission regarding coffee and rubber; and

(b) if so, whether any action has been initiated in this regard?

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

(b) Does not arise.

Modi Textile Mills, Modinagar

*1116. { Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Tangamani:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether serious labour unrest is going on in Modi Textile Mills, Modinagar;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that 170 workers have been arrested so far;

(c) the demands of the workers; and

(d) the steps taken to end this unrest?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) The mill has been working from October twenty-fifth except that a few workers are at present resorting to Satyagraha following a strike called by one of the unions.

(b) Till the 7th December 1957, 149 were arrested for defying prohibitory orders under Section 144 C.R.P.C.

(c) Scrapping of the Conciliation Committee which is functioning in the Mill under an agreement enforced under the Industrial Disputes Act, reinstatement of dismissed workers and release of arrested persons.

(d) The State Government authorities are doing the needful in the matter.

Industrial Estates in Punjab

*1117. { Shri D. C. Sharma:
Sardar Iqbal Singh:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the

reply given to Starred Question No. 1243 on the 28th August, 1957 and state the progress made so far in respect of each of the Industrial Estates to be set up in the Punjab State during the Second Five Year Plan?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 24]

Import of Capital Goods and Heavy Electrical Plants

*1118. { Shri Shree Narayan Das:
Shri Radha Raman:

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

(a) the number of cases in which the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports issued letter of authority intent for opening negotiations with suppliers or the credit institutions for the import of capital goods and heavy electrical plants during the year 1957 so far;

(b) the number and nature of cases in which such letters were refused by him; and

(c) the nature and value of imports of such goods during the last 10 months of this year?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) to (c). A statement is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 25]

Visas

*1119. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that when individuals holding 'B' class visas for East Pakistan, apply for renewal, these are changed into 'C' class, if not refused altogether, by the Pakistan visa authorities at Shillong; and

(b) if so, whether Government have drawn the attention of the Pakistan Government towards this irregularity?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): (a) and (b). We have received a few complaints of this nature and have taken them up with the Pakistan Government.

Export Promotion Committee

- *1120. { Shri Heda:
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri N. R. Munsamy:

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

(a) the steps taken so far on the main recommendations of the Export Promotion Committee; and

(b) the result achieved in this direction?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) and (b). Action has already been initiated on a number of points on which the Export Promotion Committee has made its recommendations. The other recommendations are under consideration and decisions are expected to be taken shortly.

दमन में पुर्तगाली सेना

*११२१. श्री आसुर : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को ज्ञात है कि अभी हाल ही में दमन में पुर्तगाली सेना एक जहाज के द्वारा पहुंची है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच है कि पुर्तगाल अधिकृत दमन में मोर्चे को मजबूत करने के लिये बड़े पैमाने पर सैनिक तैयारियां की जा रही हैं;

(ग) क्या इन सैनिक कार्यवाहियों के कारण भारतीय सीमा में रहने वाली जनता में कोई भातंक या भ्रशान्ति फैली है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार ने क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

बैदेशिक कार्य उपाय (बीजती लक्ष्मी मेनन) : (क) और (ख). जी हां। सूचना से पता चलता है कि हाल ही में बहुत से सिपाही भारत स्थित पुर्तगाली बस्तियों में भाये हैं। वे पुर्तगाल के यूरोपीय और अफ्रीकी सिपाही दोनों ही हैं, पुर्तगाली अधिकारी भारत-दमन सीमा पर काफी बड़े पैमाने पर तैयारियां कर रहे हैं।

(ग) सीमा के भारतीय हिस्से से किसी तरह का ज्यादा तनाव होने की रिपोर्टें नहीं आई हैं।

(घ) यह सवाल नहीं उठता। सरकार स्थिति को देख रही है।

Tea Exports

*1122. Shri Rameshwar Tantia: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tea Industry is experiencing a serious competition from Ceylon and East Africa; and

(b) whether Government are considering release of more quota for the export of tea?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) We have been having competition from other producing countries in our tea export trade.

(b) Tea export quotas are released from time to time. So far quotas to the extent of 55% of the crop basis of Tea Estates amounting to 401.5 million lbs. have been released. Further releases will be made as and when necessary.

Goodwill-cum-Trade Delegation from Ghana

*1123. Shri Raghunath Singh: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a goodwill-cum-trade delegation from Ghana is visiting India in the near future?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra): Yes, Sir. A Trade-cum-Goodwill Delegation from Ghana is expected to visit India shortly.