

the river level drops after the flood season.

(c) Pakistan border police is involved in the incident, but their number is not known.

(d) and (e). Strong protests have been lodged with the Pakistan authorities at the District as well as State Government levels. Their reply is awaited. The Indian High Commission at Karachi has also been instructed to lodge a protest with the Pakistan Central Government.

Import of Jute Cuttings from Pakistan

*563. { Shri Mohammed Tahir:
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of India have entered into an agreement with Pakistan to purchase jute cuttings from Pakistan;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that only the jute cuttings are being purchased by the jute mills in India neglecting the jute produced in India;

(c) whether it is a fact that due to the agreement for the purchase of jute cuttings from Pakistan, the prices of jute produced in India have gone down to a considerable extent; and

(d) if so, whether Government contemplate compensating the jute growers for the loss they have sustained due to untimely agreement?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) The Indo-Pakistan Trade Agreement of January 1957 provides for import of raw jute (which includes also cuttings) from Pakistan. There is no separate agreement to purchase jute cuttings

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir. The decline in Indian raw jute prices (mainly Bihar jute) is due to an all round decline in prices of raw jute. It is not correct to say that the fall in price is due to imports from Pakistan under the Agreement.

(d) Does not arise.

Super Phosphate Factory

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

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

(a) whether the super phosphate factory in Bihar has gone into production; and

(b) if so, the total installed capacity?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra):

(a) Not yet.

(b) The capacity sanctioned for installation is 16,500 tons of super-phosphate per year.

Investment in Private Sector

*566. { Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:
Shri Mahanty:
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:

Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the investment in the private sector has exceeded so far the target for the Second Five Year Plan period; and

(b) if so, by what amount?

The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Indian Economic Mission

*567. { Shri Heda:
Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:

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

(a) whether an Indian Economic Mission led by Shri Bharat Ram has returned from West Germany;

(b) if so, whether they have submitted any report;