Shrimati Parvathi Krishnan: The Deputy Minister said it is for our traders to explore the market. May I know how much assistance is being given by the Government either through the agency of the Tea Board or through the various embassies in various countries?

Shri Satish Chandra: We negotiated an agreement towards the end of 1958 in the case of Iraq and made certain stipulations for purchasing their dates according to which 12½ per cent. of the price paid by India for dates must be utilised for the purchase of tea in this country. That is how our tea has gone into the Iraq market. Certain private firms have been given foreign exchange facilities to open their offices in Baghdad. Some other steps are taken, delegations have been exchanged.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Import of First Crystals of Penicillin

*1591. **Shri Subodh Hansda:**
Shri R. C. Majhi:
Shri S. C. Samanta:

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

(a) whether certain quantities of first crystals of penicillin are still imported;

(b) if so, the total quantities of crystals imported during the year 1959-60;

(c) what was the total production of indigenous crystals of penicillin in our country during the year 1959-60; and

(d) what steps Government are taking to totally stop the import of crystals?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) About Rs. 29 lakhs worth, during April-December, 1959. This would correspond to about 23 million mega units.

(c) About 43 million mega units.

(d) The capacity of the Pimpri plant has been expanded. When two other units in the private sector which have been licensed go into production, it will not be necessary to import penicillin. Also one more public sector unit is being established at Rishikesh.

Hindu Temple in Malaya

*1598. **Shri Shivananjappa:** Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Hindu Temple with a Chinese inscription of more than 200 years old, has been found in Malaya near Malacca; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): (a) and (b). According to reports appearing in the Malayan Press, a Hindu Temple, believed to be about 200 years old, has been found on the banks of the Malacca River at Batu Berendam, four miles from Malacca. The image in the temple is that of Lord Subramanya. The temple is reported to contain a stone inscribed in Chinese, according to which that stone was laid in 1855. There are no other inscriptions. Local people, including Chinese and Malaya residents, have been worshipping at the shrine.

Cost of Industrial Production

*1601. **Shri Damani:** Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 279 on the 22nd February, 1960 and state:

(a) whether Government have since taken any decision to constitute study groups to examine the high cost of industrial production; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?