

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan) : The case has been taken up with the Government of the United Kingdom through their High Commissioner in India but so far without any results.

Indian Tea Auction Committee

*196. Shri N. M. Lingam : Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to starred question No. 1067 on the 16th March, 1955 and state :

(a) whether any decision on the Report of the Tea Auction Committee has since been taken ; and

(b) what are its main recommendations ?

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

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 47].

Indian Coffee Board

*197. Shri N. Rachiah : Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to starred question No. 640 on the 7th March, 1955 and state :

(a) whether the Indian Coffee Board has since been reconstituted ; and

(b) if so, the names of the members of the newly constituted Board ?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar) : (a) and (b). No, Sir. The matter is still under consideration.

Handloom Industry

*198. Shri Sinhassan Singh : Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state :

(a) the amount given to the various States by the Centre for the development of handlooms during the years 1954-55 and 1955-56 so far ; and

(b) whether there is any proposal for the apportioning of spheres of production by textile mills and handloom by reserving counts of yarn for different industries ?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo) : (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 48].

(b) Government have no such proposal under consideration.

Second Five Year Plan

*199. Shri M. L. Agrawal : Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Uttar Pradesh Government have submitted a plan for the development of power and flood control during the Second Five Year Plan ; and

(b) if so, the main features of this plan ?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 49].

British Steel Mission

*200. { Shri Barman :
Shri Raghunath Singh :
Shri Ibrahim :
Shri Jhulan Sinha :
Shri K.P. Sinha :

Will the Minister of Iron and Steel be pleased to refer to the reply given to Short Notice Question No. 18 on the 7th May, 1955 and state :

(a) whether the British Steel Mission has since submitted its report :

(b) the places visited by the Mission in this connection ; and

(c) whether they have selected any place for the purpose ?

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

(b) The Mission toured Bengal and Bihar and visited Durgapur, Sindri, Chittaranjan, Bokaro, Jamshedpur and some coal mines.

(c) It is expected that the Commission will recommend the site on which the plant is to be erected in their report.

Nahan Foundry

*201. Shri Punnoose : Will the Minister of Iron and Steel be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Committee appointed to enquire into the industrial dispute in the Nahan Foundry has submitted any report ; and

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any action thereon ?

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

(b) Does not arise.