

TEA (PRODUCTION)

*244. **Shri M. R. Krishna:** Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) the fall in the production of tea between 1952 and 1953 as compared with the previous season's output; and

(b) whether this fall is due to the deliberate cut in production or to any other factor?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) The fall in production in 1952, as compared to 1951, was approximately 6 million lbs. and for the period January to August 1953, the fall in production, as compared to the corresponding period of 1952, was about 27 million lbs.

(b) The fall in production in 1952 may be ascribed to unremunerative prices of tea in Indian and London auctions and consequent closure of a number of tea gardens in North East India.

The fall in production in 1953 is due partly to unfavourable climatic conditions prevailing in certain parts of North East India and partly due to the scheme of quality production undertaken by the tea growers in Northern India and also the continued closure of some gardens in Assam, West Bengal and Tripura States.

LOCAL

*245. **Shri M. R. Krishna:** (a) Will the Minister of **Planning** be pleased to state the total amount so far given to the States under the Local Development Works?

(b) What are the works and areas that have received aid from the fund advanced for Local Development Works in Hyderabad?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) Rs. 250 lakhs.

(b) A statement furnishing the information is laid on the Table. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 18.]

Development Works

G.A.T.T.

*246. **Th. Lakshman Singh Charak:** Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been complaints of violation of G.A.T.T. provisions, from any country, since its inception;

(b) whether any countries have acceded to the G.A.T.T. in 1952 or 1953; and

(c) what were the decisions arrived at at the meeting of the British Commonwealth countries in London in November, 1952?

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

(b) None.

(c) I would invite attention to the Finance Minister's statement on the 17th December, 1952, and his replies to short notice questions Nos. 111, 115, 118 and 122 on the 20th December, 1952.

TUNGABHADRA PROJECT

*249. **Shri Madhao Reddi:** Will the Minister of **Planning** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Hyderabad suggested to the Central Government that the development of the Tungabhadra Project area in the Hyderabad State should be included in the present Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, what is the attitude of Government in this regard?

The Minister of Planning and Irrigation and Power (Shri Nanda): (a) Yes.

(b) The proposal is under consideration.

G.A.T.T.

*250. **Shri Madhao Reddi:** Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (G.A.T.T.) was