

(c) for how long this rise in price has continued?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) to (c). A statement showing the weekly prices of silver at Bombay for January-June 1958 and 1959 is laid on the Table. [See Appendix II; annexure No. 94].

Water Supply to Miners in Bihar

1147. { Shri E. C. Majhi:
Shri Subodh Hansda:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the water was supplied on trucks to the miners in Bihar during the months of April to June, 1959; and

(b) if so, the names of such mines where the water supply was made on trucks last year also?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) During May to July, 1959, the Coal Mines Labour Welfare Organisation supplied water on trucks to the residents of Bhuli township, most of whom are miners.

(b) Water was supplied on trucks last year to the following mica mines:

- (1) Alakdiha
- (2) Dangarkati (No. 1)
- (3) Dangarkati (No. 2).
- (4) Durga
- (5) Kewadatari
- (6) Lomchanchi
- (7) Mahajago
- (8) Mahua
- (9) Paharia
- (10) Rajdulari
- (11) Udaiya Charki.

Timber Seasoning Plant

1148. { Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri S. A. Mehdi:

Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to refer to

the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1229 on the 3rd March, 1959 and state:

(a) the steps taken so far for installing a timber seasoning plant in the Hindustan Housing Factory, Delhi; and

(b) the estimated cost of the plant?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) The installation of the Seasoning-cum-Preservation Plant for timber is nearing completion.

(b) Rs. 2.65 lakhs.

Export of Shoes to Poland

1149. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the steps taken or proposed to be taken to promote export of shoes to Poland?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): Shoes worth Rupees 5,37,103-39 nP. have already been supplied to Poland. An order for the supply of 60,000 pairs of shoes has been secured. Out of this, 12,000 pairs are to be shipped by the 15th October, 1959. The balance quantity, will be supplied later on on the basis of selection of samples to be submitted by September, 1959 by National Small Industries Corporation.

Fair Price for Indian Paper

1150. { Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1000 on the 6th March, 1959 and state:

(a) whether Government have since received the report from the Tariff Commission regarding the fixation of fair prices to be charged by wholesale dealers and retailers for paper manufactured in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision taken by Government thereon?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) to (c) The report, which has been received, is under the consideration of the Government

Cost structure of Industries

1151 Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No 1545 on the 6th March, 1959 and state

(a) whether the details for setting up Study Groups for looking into the cost structure of some important Industries in India have been worked out, and

(b) if so, the main features thereof?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b) A few important industries are being selected for study. Details of the study groups are being finalised

Export of Coir Goods

1152. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta. Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state at what stage is the proposal for sending a delegation to USA, UK, Canada and Western European countries to explore markets for coir goods?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah). The delegation led by Shri T M B Nedungadi, Chairman, Coir Board, left India on the 21st March, 1959 and returned on 19th June, 1959, after visiting the USA, Canada, the UK and the West European countries. The report of the delegation is awaited

Indian Trade Promotion Organisation at Frankfurt

1153 Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3015 on the 14th April, 1959 and state the nature of progress made so far in

establishing a Trade Promotion Organisation at Frankfurt (West Germany).

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra): A statement indicating the progress so far made in establishing the Trade Promotion Organisation is laid on the Table [See Appendix II, annexure No 95].

Compulsory Exports

1154. { Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri A. M. Tariq:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering a proposal to introduce compulsory exports; and

(b) if so, at what stage the proposal stands?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) and (b). We have been exploring with representatives of industry and trade ways and means of promoting the export of agricultural, mineral and industrial products. We have given necessary facilities for the promotion of exports and provided a set of incentives for some industrial products. Along with these steps it has also been felt that if each industry will try to export atleast 10 per cent of its production it would set a definite objective before the industries. Further, enforcement of some kind of quality control will help in promotion of exports. The implications of these suggestions are being examined. It is hoped that if trade and industry are themselves able to organise exports of difficult products and commodities on sound business like lines, it may not be necessary to resort to compulsion.

Textile Mills in Punjab

1155. Shri Ajit Singh Sarhad: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply