

(c) Not generally.

(d) Government have made arrangements for having frequent meetings with the Steel producers to ensure timely supplies as far as possible.

Krishna Menon Committee on State Undertakings

27 { **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:**
Shri N. R. Muniswamy:

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

(a) whether Government have considered the report of the Krishna Menon Committee on State Undertakings; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

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

(b) A statement is laid on the Table. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 3].

Vanaspati

28. { **Shri Chandra Shankar:**
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri R. C. Majhi:
Shri S. C. Samanta:

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

(a) whether Indian vanaspati has favourable market abroad;

(b) if so, the countries which consume Indian vanaspati;

(c) whether the present export is sufficient to meet their demand; and

(d) if not, what steps Government are taking to increase the export?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) to (c). Indian Vanaspati is mainly exported to Italy, Australia, Aden, Afghanistan, Burma, Bahrein Islands, Fiji Island, Singapore, Iran, Trucial Oman, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Federation of Malaya. Exports of Vanaspati from India constitute a small portion of the total imports of this category of products by these countries, as the Indian product has to compete in these countries

with cheaper product manufactured in Europe from marine oils or vegetable oil like palm oil which are much cheaper than groundnut oil which is mainly used in the manufacture of Indian Vanaspati.

(d) The following steps have been taken to increase exports of Indian Vanaspati:

(i) Manufacturer-exporters of Vanaspati are granted licences for import of Copra which has good margin of profit to off-set the loss on export of Vanaspati at International prices. Besides, import licences for essential chemicals and spare parts of machinery to the extent of 5% of the f.o.b. value of Vanaspati exported are granted to them.

(ii) Export of Vanaspati is allowed without the requirement of an export permit.

(iii) Excise and Custom Duties paid on Vegetable oils and on tin plates used in the manufacture and packing of Vanaspati exported outside India are refunded.

(iv) Tin plates used in packing Vanaspati meant for export is replenished to the extent of 133% of the quantity used—the first 100% at concessional rates.

Japanese Table Fans

29. { **Shri Subodh Hansda:**
Shri R. C. Majhi:
Shri Nek Ram Negi:
Shri S. C. Samanta:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a great demand for Japanese table fans;

(b) if so, the cause of popularity of these fans; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to stop the import of Japanese fans?