

Channel of Promotion to Post of I.O.Ws Tunnel and tunnel Inspectors of Railways

204. SHRI RAMJI RAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of posts of I. O. W. Tunnels Inspectors, Grade-wise and Zone-wise on Indian Railways ;

(b) the category of staff in whose channel of promotion these posts fall and how these have actually been filled ; and

(c) whether there are specialized posts and are filled by promotion of staff who can adequately man these posts, irrespective of their seniority position ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI T. A. PAI) : (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Consortium for Tea Industry

205. SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Consortium for Tea Industry to look after its long and short term credit needs, as proposed by the Reserve Bank's Study Group headed by Shri B.K. Dutt, has since been formed ;

(b) if so, the name of its members and the exact nature of functions assigned to it ; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay and the time by which it will be formed ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) to (c). The recommendations of the Study Group on Long-term credit needs of the industry are presently under the consideration of the Reserve Bank, in consultation with the term-lending institutions, and it would take some more time for implementing them.

दक्षिण में चाय के उत्पादन में कमी

206. श्री चन्द्रशेखर सिंह : क्या विदेश व्यापार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या लम्बे समय तक अत्यधिक सूखा रहने के कारण 1972 के आरम्भ के चार महीनों में दक्षिण भारत में चाय के उत्पादन में लगभग 90 लाख किलोग्राम की कमी हुई है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो दक्षिण भारत के चाय उत्पादकों को उनकी आर्थिक हानि को पूरा करने के लिए सरकार ने क्या सहायता दी है ?

विदेश व्यापार मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री ए. सी. जार्ज) : (क) जी हां। लेकिन मौसम में सुधार आने से जून, 1972 के अन्त में यह कमी घटकर 48 लाख किलोग्राम हो गई और यह आशा है कि शेष वर्ष के दौरान कमी पूरी कर ली जाएगी।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Retention of Surplus and Reserve Land for further extension of Tea Estates in Assam and West Bengal

207. SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has again taken up with the State Government of Assam and West Bengal the question relating to the retention of some surplus and reserve lands for further development and expansion of tea estates, which have been either taken over or are in the process of being taken over by these State Governments under their land ceiling Acts ;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof ; and

(c) the action taken by Central Government to allay the fears of the tea industry, whose expansion and development plans are held up because of the aforesaid reason ?