

5. Promotional measures abroad jointly with other tea producers and the local tea trade have been undertaken for the stimulation of consumption of tea. Measures are also taken in addition in principal consuming areas, for improving the demand of pure Indian teas.

6 Assistance for the procurement of fertilisers, pesticides and other requirements of the industry is also rendered.

Export of Jute Goods

310. Shri Khagapathi Pradhani
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shri Heerji Bhai:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the export of jute goods to various countries has declined;

(b) if so the existing level of export of jute goods to various countries; and

(c) the steps taken to boost up the export of jute goods?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Commerce (Shri Shafi Qureshi):
(a) Yes, Sir

(b) Exports of jute goods in 1966 totalled 743,500 tonnes.

(c) A statement is attached. [Placed in Library See No. LT-182/67].

Production of Razor Blades

311. Shri Heerji Bhai;
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shri Khagapathi Pradhani:

Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the present position in regard to the production of razor blades in the country and whether it is com-

mensurate with the requirement of the country; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken in this regard?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) The production of Razor Blades in 1966 was 906 million Nos. in the large scale sector. There are also a few units in the Small Scale Sector with an approved capacity of 58 million Nos. This compares favourably with the estimated demand. A capacity of 2096 million Nos has also been approved against the Fourth Five Year Plan target of 2000 million Nos. It is felt that this capacity will be sufficient to meet the requirements of the country.

(b) Does not arise.

Foreign Exchange earned by Indian Films

312 Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri Khagapathi Pradhani:
Shri Heerji Bhai:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Indian films have earned foreign exchange (in currency) by participating in film festivals in foreign countries during 1966; and

(b) if so the details thereof?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) and (b). It is not possible to indicate how much foreign exchange was earned by participation in film festivals organised in foreign countries, during 1966. Participation in film festivals abroad is one of the measures adopted for publicising our films abroad.

Export of dried prawn to Burma

314. Shri Khagapathi Pradhani:
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri Heerji Bhai:

Will the Minister of Commerce be

pleased to state:

(a) whether the export of dried prawn to Burma has declined;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) and (b). Due to foreign Exchange difficulty, the Burmese Government had been progressively reducing the import of dried prawn from India and after April, 1966 they have completely stopped the import.

(c) Substantial portion of the prawn previously used for drying purposes has been profitably diverted to canning and freezing for export. The balance quantity of dried prawn is being exported to other destinations.

Production of Ball Bearings

315. Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri Khagapathi Pradhani:
Shri Heerji Bhai:

Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of ball bearings has gone down; and

(b) if so the reasons therefor and the steps taken in this regard?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) No, Sir. The production of ball bearings has actually gone up from 87,49,960 Numbers in 1965 to 91,90,981 Numbers in 1966.

(b) Does not arise.

कोटा-विस्तीर्ण रेलवे लाइन

316. श्री ब्रह्मरत्न बोरवा : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कोटा-विस्तीर्ण रेलवे लाइन का सर्वेक्षण कार्य पूरा हो गया है ;

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(ख) यदि नहीं, तो इस विषय में कितनी प्रगति हुई है ; और

(ग) इस पर कितना खर्च होने की सम्भावना है ?

रेलवे मंत्री (श्री सी० एम० पुनावा) :

(क) से (ग) 41,310 रुपये की अनुमानित लागत से इस लाइन का यातायात सर्वेक्षण किया गया है । सर्वेक्षण रिपोर्ट की अब जांच की जा रही है ।

गंगापुर के निकट रेलवे पुल

317. श्री ब्रह्मरत्न बोरवा : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि गंगापुर के निकट बल्ल रेलवे पुल का निर्माण-कार्य अभी तक पूरा नहीं हुआ है ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उन कम्पनियों के नाम क्या हैं जिनको इस पुल को बनाने का ठेका दिया गया है ;

(ग) पुल के निर्माण-कार्य पर अब तक कितना खर्च किया गया है ; और

(घ) निर्माण-कार्य में अब तक कितनी प्रगति हुई है ?

रेलवे मंत्री (श्री सी० एम० पुनावा) :

(क) जी हाँ ।

(ख) (1) श्री एस० एस० गोयल ।

(2) वेमर्स लिमिटेड एंड कं० प्राइवेट लिमिटेड कलकत्ता ।

(ग) लगभग 23 लाख रुपये ।

(घ) दोनों भूतलाधार बल बुके हैं और भारत में से दो पायों का निर्माण-कार्य पूरा हो चुका है । तीसरे पाये का निर्माण पूरा होने वाला है । चौथे पाये के लिए कुंघा बनाने का काम ही रहा है ।