

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) to (c). The Government have so far taken any steps to establish an Export-Import Bank. The Working Group on Export Finance, set up by Government, which has just finalised its recommendations and whose Report is likely to be received shortly is stated to have recommended the establishment of an Export-Import Bank. The recommendations will be considered by Government after receipt of the Report of the Working Group.

**Study tours by Kangra and Dehra Dun Tea Planters**

6489. Shri Hem Raj: Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study tours by the Kangra and Dehra Dun tea planters arranged in 1966; and

(b) if so, how far these tours benefited the tea planters?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Japanese Machinery for Tea**

6410. Shri Hem Raj: Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether the small size Japanese machinery for black and green tea has been secured for the Banuri Pilot Project Scheme, Palampur; and

(b) when the request was made for it and when it was acceded to?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) and (b). The National Small Industries Corporation received a request from the Joint Director of Industries, Punjab in November, 1965 for the import of one processing unit for black tea manufacture and 11 plants for making green tea. These were meant for supply to the tea planters of the Palam-

pur Project area, the Bir Co-operative Tea Factory and the Common Facility Centre. The Tea Board, which examined this request on a reference from the Corporation, gave its clearance for the import of the processing unit for black tea manufacture in January, 1966, and for the import of one plant only for green tea manufacture in March, 1966. On a further request from the State Government, the Tea Board agreed in October, 1966 to the import of a black tea manufacturing plant of a slightly larger capacity than the one cleared by them earlier. While according clearance for the import of these plants, however, the Tea Board had disallowed the import of the motors required for the operation of the plants, as these motors were indigenously available. In view of this the Project Officer has informed the NSIC that he had taken up with the Government of Himachal Pradesh the question of accepting supply of these plants without the motors and that he would contact the Corporation after obtaining the State Government's instructions. The Corporation is awaiting a further communication from the Project Officer before proceeding further in the matter.

**Foreign Exchange for Import of Rubber for Manufacture of Tyres**

6411. Shri S. S. Kothari:  
Shri Brij Raj Singh Kota:  
Shri P. N. Solanki:  
Shri S. K. Tapariah:  
Shri K. K. Nayar:  
Shri Bharat Singh Chauhan:  
Shri Ranjit Singh:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have framed a scheme for linking the grant of foreign exchange for import of rubber for tyre manufacture with the foreign exchange earned by the tyre manufacturing companies by export of tyre and other products;

(b) if so, the basis of the scheme in brief;

(c) whether the scheme has been implemented; and

(d) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Police Excesses at Jorhat Railway Station

6412. Shri Dhireswar Kalita;  
Shri M. Meghachandra:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Kerala Police personnel stationed at Sibsagar, Assam, manhandled passengers and damaged railway property at the railway station, Jorhat on the 16th June, 1967;

(b) whether it is a fact that some of them trespassed into a Railway quarter and insulted a woman; and

(c) if so, the action taken in the matter?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poomacha): (a) to (c). The correct position is that some Kerala Police personnel stationed at Sibsagar trespassed into the quarter of a railway employee and manhandled him. No report with regard to insult to any woman has been received. The railway employee took shelter in the Asstt. Station Master's office. When some of the Kerala Police demanded that the railway employee should be handed over to them, the Asstt. Station Master refused and informed the local police over telephone. The Kerala Police personnel broke some glass panes and door joints of the station building. The damage has been estimated at Rs. 18. The local police arrived on the scene and took up the investigation. A case under sections 448/354/147/452/427 IPC on Station Master's complaint, has been registered by Sibsagar Police. A counter case

under sections 341/323 IPC on the complaint of the Kerala Police personnel has also been registered. None has been arrested so far. The Magisterial Enquiry ordered in this connection, has not yet started owing to the Magistrate's engagement elsewhere.

Export of Tyres and Tubes

6413. Shri D. N. Patodia;  
Shri E. Barua:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a meeting has recently taken place between him and the representatives of the auto and cycle tyres and tubes industry to discuss the export programme of the industry;

(b) if so, a resume of the talks held at the said meeting; and

(c) the decisions taken and the steps contemplated to promote the export of goods of the industry?

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

(b) and (c). The more important points made in the meeting related to supply of indigenous raw materials at international prices and grant of cash subsidy at increased rates. The Industry was advised to formulate a scheme which would ensure not only earning of foreign exchange to meet its import requirements but also earn something more for the country. The scheme is awaited from the Industry.

Import of Nylon Yarn

6414. Shri D. N. Patodia;  
Shri E. Barua:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Trading Corporation has recently finalised a scheme for the import of nylon yarn;