

ings with mica exporters. This matter of maximising foreign exchange earning from export of mica by instituting quality control, pre-shipment inspection, laying down objective standards and by discouraging exports on consignment basis, is being examined.

Paper Production and Distribution

817. { Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Buta Singh:
Shri Narasimha Reddy:
Shri Balkrishna Wasnik:

Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a meeting of the Paper Ad hoc Committee convened by his Ministry recently to look into the question of production, distribution and demands of paper in the country; and

(b) whether there is room for economy in use of paper by Government?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) Yes, Sir. A meeting of the Ad hoc Committee on Paper was held on the 3rd July 1963.

(b) The need for maximum economy in the use of paper is being brought to the notice of all Government organisations from time to time. The possibilities of effecting further economies are also under continuous review.

Soap Industry

818. **Shri D. J. Naik:** Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have imposed more restrictions on import of coconuts and coconut oil; and

(b) if so, whether it has affected the Soap Industry in this country?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) The Honourable Member's reference to Coconuts obviously relates to Copra or Coconut Kernels since Coconuts as such have seldom been imported. Since October 1962 all

direct import of Copra has been banned. Instead, its import has been linked to different export incentive schemes covering export of Vanaspati, refined groundnut oil etc. Some Copra, however, continues to be imported through the State Trading Corporation for distribution to various actual users.

Import of Coconut Oil is not allowed for quite sometime now. Nevertheless, small quantities of it are imported under the Indo-Ceylon Trade Agreement.

(b) It has not affected the organised units but some of the small units which are not in a position to take advantage of the export incentive schemes have found some difficulty in obtaining adequate quantities of coconut oil to maintain production on a competitive basis.

चप्पलें

८१६. श्री ओंकार लाल बरवा : क्या अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय व्यापार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली में बनी हुई चप्पलों की विदेशों में मांग है ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो कितनी मांग है ; और

(ग) १९६२ में चप्पलों के कितने जोड़ निर्यात किये गये और उनसे विदेशी मुद्रा की कितनी आय हुई ?

अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय व्यापार मंत्री (श्री मनु भाई शाह) : (क) से (ग) . चप्पलों की मांग पूर्वी यूरोपीय देशों और सऊदी अरब में है । दिल्ली में बनी हुई चप्पलों की कितनी मांग है तथा १९६२ में कितने मूल्य की और कितने परिमाण में उनका निर्यात किया गया यह ठीक-ठीक बता सकना कठिन है । इसका कारण यह है कि चप्पलों के निर्यात आंकड़े अलग नहीं रखे जाते कृजकृत जूतों के वर्ग में शामिल हैं ।