

(ख) भविष्य में व्यापार सम्बन्ध बढ़ाने के लिए सरकार का विचार क्या कदम उठाने का है ?

बैदेशिक व्यापार तथा पूति मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (श्री चौधरी राम सेवक) : (क) तथा (ख). भारत तथा नेपाल के बीच व्यापार, जिसका नियन्त्रण व्यापार तथा पारगमन की संधि (1960) के उपबन्धों के अन्तर्गत होता है, दोनों पक्षों द्वारा आवश्यक समझे जाने वाले न्यूनतम प्रतिबन्धों के साथ चल रहा है। व्यापार बढ़ाने की इच्छा से भारत सरकार नेपाल सरकार के साथ आवश्यक वार्ताएं करती है और भारतीय उद्योगपतियों को व्यक्तिगत अथवा संयुक्त उद्यमों के लिये प्रोत्साहन देती है।

Export of Aluminium

1031. SHRI B.K. DASCHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have permitted exports of aluminium against specific requests of producers beyond the original deadline of 31st December, 1968; and

(b) whether the exports of this metal are likely to continue till recessionally conditions in the country subside or whether any target date has been laid down?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS (SHRI JAGANATH RAO): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Following representations made by the aluminium producers regarding enquiries for the purchase of aluminium metal received by them from abroad, it has been decided after reviewing the internal demand and supply position, to continue the policy of export of aluminium and semis by the Indian producers beyond 31st December, 1968, and during the year 1969-70. With a view to ensuring that the export commitments of the producers do not create scarcity conditions in the country,

it has been decided to review quarterly the position regarding production, internal demand and likely export commitments.

Import of Graphite Ore

1032. SHRI V. NARASIMHA RAO: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries from which graphite ore is imported and the tonnage required for the Indian industries;

(b) the percentage rate of carbon content of the imported graphite and the amount of foreign exchange incurred; and

(c) whether Government had a proposal to start an up-grading graphite Ore Plan in the Public Sector to save foreign exchange?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK): (a) Natural graphite is imported mostly from Ceylon, Korea, West Germany, U.S.A. and U.K. The present requirement of the major industries is about 2,500 tonnes per annum.

(b) Imported natural graphite contains more than 90 per cent of graphitic carbon. The total import of graphite during 1966-67 and 1967-68 was of the order of Rs. 12.84 lakhs and Rs. 15.66 lakhs respectively.

(c) No, Sir.

Khus Oil Distillation Industry in Bharatpur District

1033. SHRI P.M. SAYEED: SHRI MANIBHAI J. PATEL:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a vast scope of development and modernisation of Khus Oil Distillation Industry in Bharatpur District;

(b) whether Government are also aware that best raw material is available in Bharatpur for the purpose of this industry;

(c) whether the Forest Research Institute, Dehra Dun has ascertained the potentiality of the raw material available there;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government are also aware that this industry could be a very big foreign exchange earner; and

(f) if so, the steps Government propose to take to develop and modernise this industry soon?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F.A. AHMED): (a) to (f). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Survey of Laccadives

1034. SHRI P.M. SAYEED: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration for conducting a survey of Laccadives with view to find mineral wealth there; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS (SHRI JAGANNATH RAO):

(a) and (b). Yes Sir. Exploration for limestone and phosphate was carried out in Laccadives by the Geological Survey of India during 1963-64. The investigations carried out so far have revealed the presence of a small deposit of phosphate, and high grade limestone deposits having an inferred reserve of about 2,000 million tonnes. The survey of off-shore areas has indicated a potential reserve of 4.6 million tonnes of calcareous sediments in Karavatti Lagoon and 11,00 million tonnes in Kalpeni Lagoon. Further work in these areas is in progress.

Import of Television sets

1036. SHRI GADILINGANA GOWD: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the landed value of television sets imported from Japan is less than that of sets imported from Hungary, Ireland and Yugoslavia, but the number of sets imported from Japan is less than that of sets imported from the aforesaid countries; and

(b) if so, the reasons for importing lesser numbers of television sets from Japan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK): (a) and (b). The Television sets imported from Japan were with 16" screen whereas those imported from Hungary, Ireland and Yugoslavia have 23" screens. Therefore, there cannot be any comparison of their landed costs. However, the Japanese sets were allowed to be imported by an Indian national from Africa on his repatriation as part of his stock in trade and as this was limited, only the number of Japanese sets available with him were allowed to be imported.

Small-Scale Industries in Tanjore and Ramanathapuram

1037. SHRI GADILINGANA GOWD: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there exists ample scope for the development of small-scale industries in Tanjore and Ramanathapuram towns;

(b) if so, whether any survey has been conducted by Small Industries Service Institute; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE