

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस बारे में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

वैदेशिक व्यापार मन्त्रालय में उपमन्त्री (श्री चौधरी राम सेवक) : (क) और (ख). विदेशी उच्चाधिकारियों के आतिथ्य के लिए राज्यपालों को शराब तथा तम्बाकू के थोड़े से परिमाण की अनुमति देने की सरकारी नीति के अनुरूप अप्रैल, 68—मार्च, 69 की अवधि में विभिन्न राज्यों के राज्यपालों को शराब तथा तम्बाकू के आयात के लिए 3921 रु० मूल्य के आयात लाइसेंस दिये गये थे ।

Investigations into Prices of Raw Jute

437. SHRI J. MOHAMED IMAM :
SHRI N. K. SOMANI :
SHRI MAHENDRA MAJHI :
SHRI GADILINGANA
GOWD :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have started investigations into the prices of raw jute in West Bengal ;

(b) whether the West Bengal Government has opposed such an initiative on the part of the Central Government ; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Shortage of Boots and Mosquito-Nets at Unit Level

439. SHRI NARAYAN SWARUP
SHARMA :
SHRI OM PRAKASH
TYAGI :
SHRI RANJEET SINGH :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been a shortage recently, at unit level, of items like boots and mosquito-nets ; and

(b) if so, the causes thereof and the remedial measures taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI SWARAN SINGH) : (a) There is no shortage of Boots. There is, however, shortage of Mosquito-Nets.

(b) Round mesh netting which is normally used for the Mosquito-Nets supplied to the Defence Forces, is not available to the extent of our requirement. It has accordingly been decided to use square mesh netting to the extent of the deficiency. The supply position of Mosquito-Nets is likely to ease within the next few months.

Tank Factory at Avadi

440. SHRI NARAYAN SWARUP
SHARMA :
SHRI OM PRAKASH
TYAGI :
SHRI RANJEET SINGH :
SHRI SHRI CHAND
GOYAL :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the tank factory at Avadi has run into bottlenecks retarding the production of complete tanks ; and

(b) if so, by what percentage the supply position of tanks to units is behind schedule ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) and (b). Bottlenecks arise from time to time in the process of production. These are eliminated by timely action and are not allowed to retard production programme of tanks. By and large targets fixed for production of Vijayanta Tanks have been achieved so far.

Modifications in Jeeps for Carrying Wireless Sets

441. SHRI NARAYAN SWARUP
SHARMA :
SHRI OM PRAKASH
TYAGI :
SHRI RANJEET SINGH :
SHRI SHRI CHAND
GOYAL :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Jeeps and