

**Rubber Tappers Training Schools in Kerala**

**1501. Shri A. V. Raghavan:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to start rubber tappers training schools in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the centres where the schools are proposed to be started and the duration of the course?

**The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Dynamo Sheets**

**1502. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to manufacture Dynamo sheets at Rourkela; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

**The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam):**

(a) and (b). Yes, Sir. It is proposed to manufacture Dynamo Sheets at Rourkela under the Expansion Scheme. It has been decided to accept the tender of a West German firm for supply of plant and equipment.

**Improvement of Tea Culture**

**1503. Shri Hem Raj:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tea Board has constituted its Advisory Committee for the "Improvement of Tea Culture" in

the Hilly Areas of Punjab and Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether it has formulated any scheme for the purpose; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A scheme of research for the improvement of tea culture in the hilly areas of Punjab has been put into operation by the State Government at their Experimental Farm at Palampur, with financial assistance from the Tea Board. The scope of the scheme is broadly as follows:

(i) rejuvenation of old and deteriorated tea plantations by improved methods and study of the economic effects of rejuvenation and fresh planting; and

(ii) study of the cultural and other factors necessary to obtain maximum potential economic yield from new plantations and rejuvenated plants.

**Black and Green Tea Production**

**1504. Shri Hem Raj:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of Black and Green Tea produced in 1962 and 1963 in Punjab and Himachal Pradesh;

(b) the quantity sold in the above-mentioned years and the quantity lying unsold; and

(c) the prices which the green tea fetched in the above mentioned years?

**The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and**