

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the Chinese have constructed a new road in Ladakh;

(b) whether a new military post "in dangerous proximity" to an existing Indian Post South of Chip Chap river, has been set up by the Chinese;

(c) whether notes to this effect had also been sent to the Chinese Authorities on June 16 and 28, 1962;

(d) whether any reply has been received from Peking; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A number of military posts have been set up by the Chinese in this region.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Bonus to Workers of Mica Mines

*22. { Shri A. K. Gopalan:
Shri Umanath:
Shri P. Kunhan:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the attendance bonus of one day's wages for every 24 days of work in the mica mines given under the Compromise Award of the Appellate Tribunal had been stopped from 1st June, 1961;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any profit bonus is being paid to the workers; and

(d) if not, whether Government intend to take necessary steps for its introduction?

The Minister of Labour in the Ministry of Labour and Employment (Shri Hathi): (a) Yes.

(b) The award was terminated by the parties by due notice under the Industrial Disputes Act.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise as no dispute on this issue has so far been reported to Government.

Cement Factory in Bhutan

*23. { Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Raghunath Singh:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether discussions were held recently between the Government of India and the Government of Bhutan for the establishment of a cement factory in Bhutan;

(b) whether Government of India have agreed to provide technical and financial assistance to the Bhutan Government for setting up the cement factory; and

(c) whether any more industries are likely to be established in Bhutan with the aid of Government of India?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) No formal proposal has been made to us but some reference to it was made in informal talk.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Bhutan Government's proposals to establish a few factories within the framework of their first five-year Plan, which is being implemented with our assistance, are under examination.

Exports

*24. { Shri Morarka:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Mohammed Elias:
Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri Mohan Swarup:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state.

(a) our total exports during the quarter ending June, 1962 and also the figures for the corresponding period of 1961; and

(b) whether any improvement has taken place due to steps recently taken by Government and what further steps are contemplated to push up our exports?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) About Rs. 154 crores during the quarter April 1962-June 1962, as compared with Rs. 156 crores during the corresponding quarter of 1961.

(b) The small decline seems mainly due to two factors; the pilot strike in Calcutta port in May for about 17 days and the relative fall in prices of jute goods and other goods in the world trade in 1962. Considerable value of exports was affected due to the strike.

Last year the international prices of jute goods rose to unprecedentedly very high levels owing to the scarcity of jute goods which was caused by the short-crop of raw jute both in India and Pakistan. Therefore, even though the quantities of jute goods exported this year are higher, some fall in prices of jute goods this year was inevitable. Over and above this, the May strike at Calcutta port itself seems to have caused a loss of Rs. 6 crores in exports of jute goods.

Ferro-manganese and iron and steel showed a decline of Rs. 3.4 crores and Rs. 2.9 crores respectively in the months of April and May this year. The exact figures for June 1962, are not yet available.

Exports have gone up in this quarter this year in the case of sugar, tea, tobacco, jute cloth, oil cakes, vegetable oils, cotton yarn, raw hides and skins, artificial silk fabrics, machinery and transport, footwear and other commodities.

A statement is laid on the Table showing some of the steps proposed to be taken to promote exports. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 2].

Scheme for Rural Industrialisation

***25. Shri Surendranath Dwivedy:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has approved the Scheme of rural industrialisation by establishment of small industries at the Panchayat Samiti level as submitted by the Government of Orissa;

(b) whether there is any truth in the report that necessary provision in this matter has been made in the State Third Five Year Plan;

(c) if the reply to part (b) above be in the affirmative, which of the other schemes which were already included have been dropped in order to make provision for the new schemes or any extra amount has been allotted by the Centre for the purpose; and

(d) the total amount thus set apart for the purpose?

The Minister of Planning and Labour and Employment (Shri Nanda): (a) The Scheme of rural industrialisation for establishment of small industries at the Panchayat Samiti level as submitted by the Government of Orissa in their Annual Plan for 1962-63, has been approved by the Planning Commission.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Suitable adjustments have been made under different heads without effecting provision for priority schemes/programmes.

(d) The total provision proposed in the State's revised Third Five Year Plan for village and small industries is Rs. 587.15 lakhs, as against Rs. 510.0 lakhs agreed to earlier.