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Rural Industries

{ Shri Shree Narayan Das: | Shri B. K. Das: | Shri S. C. Samanta: | Shri Subodh Hansda: | Dr. P. Mandal: | Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: | Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: | Shri Bhakt Darshan: | Shri Kolla Venkaiah:

Will the Minister of **Planning** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 304 on the 14th August, 1962 and state:

(a) whether the consideration of the recommendation of the Rural Industries Planning Committee of the Planning Commission regarding earmarking of additional funds for selected rural industrial projects has been completed; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Labour and Employment and for Planning (Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See .Appendix I. annexure No. 2].

Marketing of Handicrafts

*30. Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: Shri Bhakt Darshan:

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

(a) whether any conference was held in New Delhi in September last to discuss the raw material position for the marketing of handicrafts; and

(b) if so, what were the recommendations of the conference?

The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 3].

Barter Agreements

*31. Shri K. C. Pant: Shri Morarka:

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

(a) the total number of barter agreements entered into during the last three years;

(b) the goods exported under these agreements, with their values; and

(c) the basis for fixing the price of each commodity?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) The total number of barter/link deals concluded during the last 3 years is 102.

(b) A large variety of goods, both traditional as well as non-traditional, have been exported to the value of Rs. 49:71 crores under these deals.

(c) The basis for fixing the prices is generally the ruling international price or prices. This differs with different commodities depending upon the circumstances prevailing at the time of the particular transaction.

The items for barters are mentioned in the List given below:

LIST OF ITEM OF IMPORT

The main items of import under Barter/Link deals have been mainly confined to industrial raw materials as under:—

Fertilizers.

Pharmaceuticals and Pharmaceutical Intermediates.

Dyes and Dyes Intermediates.

Machine Tools.

Industrial Equipments.

Machinery such as printing, automatic looms etc.

Wood pulp.

Newsprint. Steel, Art silk Yarn. Tractors. Giant Tyres. Raw Silk. Paper. Mercury. Non-ferrous metals. Staple Fibre. Raw Cotton.

The main items of export are manganese ore, ferro-manganese, steel scraps, chrome concentrates, low grades of iron ores etc. etc.

Import of Films from Pakistan

*32. Shri Surendra Pal Singh: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether it is a fact that despite Pakistan's total ban on the import of films from India, this country is still importing exposed films from Pakistan?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

The Government of Pakistan imposed a ban in January, 1962 on the import of films in Indian or Pakistani languages or depicting Indian or Pakistani way of living. As this was contrary to the Rules of G.A.T.T., a protest has been lodged with the Government of Pakistan and we are following the matter. It was felt by us that it would not be desirable to reciprocate the action of the Government of Pakistan which we ourselves consider improper. It has, accordingly, been decided not to discontinue the import of films from Pakistan.

Exchange of Fire between Pakistan and Indian Border Police

- ∩ Shri P. C. Borooah: | Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
- Shri Ram Ratan Gupta:

Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Bhagwat Jaha Azad:
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*34. Shri Bakt Darshan:
Shri Lakhmu Bhawani:
Shri Y. N. Singha:
Shri P. K. Ghosh:
Shri P. K. Deo:
Shri Kajrolkar:

Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) whether there occurred a sharp exchange of fire between East Pakistani rimemen and the Indian border force on the 17th September, 1962 across the Indo-Pak. border at Daikhata in Jalpaiguri district;

(b) if so, whether any casualties were involved in the incident; and

(c) in what circumstances the incident took place?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): (a) to (c). On September 17, 1962, some Pakistani nationals, supported by East Pakistan Riflesmen, tried to harvest jute crop from Indian territory in an area adjacent to Daikhata. The Indian border police warned the intruders to withdraw from Indian territory but the East Pakistan Riflesmen answered this by suddenly opening fire. The Indian border police had to return the fire in self defence. There was no casualty on our side.

Increase in Non-Plan Expenditure

Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Tan Singh:
Shri P. K. Deo:
Shri P. K. Ghosh:

Will the Minister of **Planning** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the non-plan expenditure has been rising in the Centre as well as in the States;

(b) if so, what was the percentage of rise State-wise and in the Centre in 1961-62 over 1960-61; and