

drugs and Rs. 8-9 crores of raw materials required by the industry.

(c) No information is available.

Tea Centres in European Countries

*242. { Shri P. C. Borooah:
 Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 625 on the 27th August, 1962 and state:

(a) how many tea centres are to be opened and in which of the European countries are these centres to be set up; and

(b) the cost and the recurring expenditure to be incurred thereon?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). The matter is under consideration.

Tea Industry in North India

470. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the requirement of the Tea Industry in North India in respect of cement, iron and steel during 1960, 1961 and 1962;

(b) to what extent the requirements have been supplied to the Industry in 1960, 1961 and 1962 so far;

(c) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the statement of the Chairman, Bharatiya Cha Parishad reported in the Financial Express of the 12th September, 1962 complaining about the inadequate supply of these essential requirements of the Tea Industry; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to make these commodities available to the industry in sufficient quantities?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). The demand and allotment of Cement and Iron and Steel to the tea industry in North India during the years 1960, 1961 and 1962 have been as follows:—

(i) Cement		
Year Jan.-December)	Demand	Allotment
	Tonnes	Tonnes
1960	31,338·269	25,451·200
1961	1,30,014·927	35,912·000
1962	1,81,950·980	50,710·000

(ii) Iron and Steel Materials.

Demand Allotment		
1959-60 (April-March)	Demand	Allotment
Development & Extension	3,344·84 tons	2,893·84 tons
Maintenance & Repair	5,673·57 tons	5,519·34 tons
1960-61 (April-March)		
Development & Extension	2,757·38 tonnes	1,572·46 tonnes
Maintenance & Repair	6,022·76 tonnes	2,772·62 tonnes
1961-62 (April-March)		
Development & Extension	3,320·7 tonnes	1,334·60 tonnes
Maintenance and Repair	5,060·18 tonnes	1,474·44 tonnes

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d) Keeping in view the position of overall availability of Cement and Iron and Steel materials in the country, Government have been endeavouring to meet the tea industry's requirements to the maximum extent possible.

Production-cum- Training Centres in Tripura

471. Shri Biren Dutta: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the items of Industries in which Training is given under the Indus-