

Tea Export to Japan

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

(a) the available figures of total imports of tea into Japan in 1961 and 1962 and India's share therein;

(b) whether Tea Board have of late had under consideration special measures for increasing export of Indian tea to that country; and

(c) if so, what decisions have been taken in this regard?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) to (c). Total exports of tea from the various countries to Japan in 1961 were of the order of 5.5 million lbs. Similar figure for 1962 is not yet available. India's share of the exports to Japan is nominal.

Japan herself is a producer and exporter of tea. While import of green tea is prohibited, some black tea is allowed to be imported under the Foreign Exchange Allocation system. In view of this restriction, promotional efforts by the Board have necessarily to be on a limited scale. Japan imports some tea from Ceylon.

Shortage of Pig Iron in Punjab

*183. **Shri A. N. Vidyalkar:** Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) whether manufacturers in Punjab have complained about serious shortage of pig iron which is retarding the production;

(b) whether the Punjab Government have also drawn the attention of his Ministry about this shortage; and

(c) if so, the reasons for the shortage and the steps proposed to be taken to remove it?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) The main reason for shortage of pig iron all over the country is that the demand has gone up due to the foundry capacity in the country having developed rapidly, while the availability of foundry iron has not increased, due to several schemes licenced for production of pig iron to meet the increased demand having not come up as originally anticipated. Government are, therefore, considering interim remedial measures such as import of pig iron, short term schemes for increased production etc., to increase the availability as quickly as practicable.

कपास के मूल्य

१८४. श्री दे० शि० पाटिल : क्या वाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) अक्टूबर, १९६२ के अन्त में देश में कपास के क्या मूल्य थे और वर्तमान मूल्य क्या हैं ; और

(ख) कपास के मूल्यों को गिरने से रोकने के सम्बन्ध में सरकार ने क्या कदम उठाये हैं ?

वाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्रालय में अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय व्यापार मंत्री (श्री मनुभाई शाह) : (क) और (ख) अक्टूबर, १९६२ के अन्त में सभी किस्मों के भारतीय कपास के मूल्य अधिकतम के आस पास थे। वर्तमान मूल्यों का विवरण, अधिकतम मूल्यों के निकट है, सभा पटल पर रखा गया है। [पुस्तकालय में रखा गया, देखिये संख्या एल० टी० ८८६।६३।]

उत्तर प्रदेश में तेल मिलें

१८५. श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री : क्या वाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उत्तर प्रदेश की कई सौ तेल मिलें, तेल का स्टॉक अधिक