

(c) In view of the difficulties of obtaining free foreign exchange and the increasing prices of lead, as much allocation as possible for import of lead is being obtained for the Colombo Plan, as also by Barter imports made by Mines and Minerals Trading Corporation through State Trading Corporation. Steps are also being taken to get lead from scrapped batteries reused.

**Industrial Licences**

- \*564. { Shri P. C. Borooah;  
 Shri A. N. Vidyalankar;  
 Dr. Mahadeva Prasad;  
 Shri Rajdeo Singh;  
 Shri Madhu Limaye;  
 Shri Ram Sewak  
 Yadav;

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

(a) whether Government have decided not to issue industrial licences and to assist in fuller utilisation of installed capacity and to expand the existing units where necessary; and

(b) if so, the main object of these decisions?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri Bibudhendra Misra): (a) and (b). Government have not taken any decision that licences will not be issued for the establishment of new units. In the context of the present foreign exchange shortage and of the fact that greater economy in foreign exchange is likely to be realized by expansion of existing units and fuller utilisation of existing capacity than by establishment of new units, greater emphasis is now being laid on this aspect of industrial licensing.

**Trade with African Countries**

- \*565. { Shri Indrajit Gupta;  
 Shri Vasudevan Nair;  
 Shri Warrior;

{ Shri Raghunath Singh;  
 Shri Basappa;

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to develop India's trade with the African countries;

(b) whether as a result of these steps, there has been any increase in the volume of trade with these countries; and

(c) if so, to what extent?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) With a view to developing our trade with African countries, trade agreements have been concluded, delegations, both official and non-official, have been sent and invited, market surveys in those countries have been conducted, visual commercial publicity and trade propaganda through exhibitions, displays and show-rooms have been arranged and promotion of Joint Industrial ventures has been encouraged. In a few cases Government loans, and deferred credit facilities have also been extended. The Board of Trade periodically discusses the problems relating to individual regions and the decisions are followed up. In addition, an Inter-Ministerial Committee has been formed to examine possibilities for expansion of trade between India and developing countries of Africa;

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. Our exports to African countries during the year 1964-65 have been of the order of Rs. 49.3 crores in comparison with Rs. 46.3 crores in the year 1963-64.

**Export of Salt**

\*566. Maharajkumar Vijaya Ananda: Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to step up salt exports, particularly to Japan and to establish new markets in other countries; and

(b) if so, when the scheme will be given a practical shape with a view to earn more foreign exchange?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) and (b). All possible steps for increasing exports of salt to all countries are being taken. There is no special scheme as such.

**कोलम्बिया में मशीनी औजार कारखाना**

\*567. { श्री किन्दर लाल :  
श्री विद्यनाथ पाण्डेय :

क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कोलम्बिया में एक भारतीय फर्म द्वारा वहाँ के एक स्थानीय साझेदार के सहयोग से, एक मशीनी औजार कारखाना खोलने का प्रस्ताव है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

**वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री मनुभाई शाह):**

(क) जी, हाँ ।

(ख) सरकार ने अभी हाल ही में एक भारतीय पार्टी को कोलम्बिया में टिक्सट ड्रिल निर्माण करने का एक संयन्त्र स्थापित करने में लगभग १ लाख २० तक का सहयोग करने के लिए अपनी स्वाकृति दे दी है । भारतीय सहयोग संयन्त्र, मशिन और माल के रूप में होगा जिसे भारत से निर्यात किया जायगा ।

**Detention of Train at Biral Station**

\*568. { श्री P. C. Borooah:  
श्री S. M. Banerjee:  
श्री Krishna Pal Singh:  
श्रीमती Renu Chakravarty:  
श्री Onkar Lal Berwa:  
श्री Mahadeva Prasad:  
श्री Kindar Lal:  
श्री Vishwa Nath Pandey:

{ श्री Ram Sewak:  
श्री P. G. Sen:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Katihar-bound passenger train of the Northeast Frontier Railway was held up by the East Pakistan Rifles at Biral on the 29th June, 1965;

(b) if so, for how long the train was held up; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh):** (a) and (b). 102 D. Biral-Barsoi passenger train was held up at Biral station for 1 hour and 35 minutes on 28th June, 1965 and not on 29th June, 1965.

(c) The matter was taken up suitably with the East Pakistan authorities both at the State Government and the diplomatic levels.

**Derailement near Secunderabad**

**1872. श्री Ram Harkh Yadav:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Goods train derailed at Makudi Railway Station in the Secunderabad Division of the Central Railway on the 15th June, 1965;

(b) if so, the details of the accident; and

(c) the causes thereof?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (श्री Sham Nath):**

(a) Yes.

(b) On 15th June, 1965 while goods train No. 782 Up was passing via the loop line of Makudi station its engine along with 7 wagons next to it derailed.

(c) The cause of the accident is under investigation.