

textiles, leather goods, essential oils, mica etc.

483 enquiries for various Indian products were received at the Pavilion and these enquiries are under negotiation with foreign importers. However, we have been advised that firm bookings to the extent of Rs. 2.70 crores have been made with Indian Manufacturers. The items cover industrial canvas, cotton textiles, readymade garments, knitting machines handicrafts, handlooms, plastic goods, stainless steel ware and cast iron pipe fittings, shoes and slippers soaps, non-ferrous forgings etc.

All enquiries indicate a total of Rs. 20 crores as export sales of our goods that are estimated to be promoted to U.S.A. and other markets through this Fair.

The Souvenir sales at the sales Section in the Pavilion and the units at the International Plaza amounted to \$21.02(973 equivalent to Rs. 1,00,10,151/- during the two sessions of the Fair. The sales include sale of Indian food stuffs and snacks prepared in the Indian restaurant.

The figures of actual expenditure incurred on India's participation in the Fair by the Government are not available, at present. However, the estimated expenditure on India's participation at Governmental level is Rs. 130 lakhs in foreign exchange and Rs. 35 lakhs in India. Regarding expenditure of individual parties, who organised sales units in the India Pavilion and in the area of International Plaza, the same was met by the parties themselves.

**Heavy Engineering Corporation,
Ranchi**

*793. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1235 on the 7th May, 1965 and state:

(a) whether the investigations into the causes of fire that broke out in

the Heavy Engineering Corporation's plant at Ranchi have been completed, and if so, the result thereof;

(b) whether any pro-Pakistani elements were found to be responsible for this; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

The Minister of Heavy Engineering and Industry in the Ministry of Industry & Supply (Shri T. N. Singh):
(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). The case is being investigated by Bihar C.I.D. in collaboration with Central Bureau of Investigation. A case of arson has been registered by the Police. Police have so far arrested nineteen persons. Some more arrests are expected before the investigation can be closed and the case sent to court.

Trade with U.K. & U.S.A.

*794. **Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:
Shri Ramnand Shastri:**

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indo-U.S. and Indo-British trade is on the increase;

(b) the volume of trade with U.S.A. and U.K. separately during 1964-65 as compared to 1960-61; and

(c) the main commodities being exported to and imported from these two countries?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Yes, Sir. The Indo-U.S. and Indo-British trade is based on the increase during the years 1961-62 to 1964-65.

(b) and (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House [Placed in Library. See No. LT-5078/65].