

H.E. Mr. Dzuverovic, Foreign Trade Minister of Yugoslavia and Minister of Commerce. Decisions were also taken about the pattern of commodity exchanges between India and Yugoslavia during the year 1967. It is expected that the level of trade both ways in 1967 will be about Rs. 460 million as against the level of about Rs. 380 million in 1966.

It was agreed that good potential exists and can be developed for exchange of engineering components and end-products in various fields of industry and particularly in respect of manufactures in the two countries under the same license from West European Countries.

Both countries have agreed to set up joint ventures in both countries and for joint marketing of the products, thus manufactured in third countries. The agreement also contemplates setting up of ventures with joint participation in third countries to help the development of such countries as desire aid from India or Yugoslavia.

Rice ration to Railway employees in Darjeeling District

***796. Shri Priya Gupta:
Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no arrangement has been made to provide rice ration to the Railway employees in the Darjeeling District; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) The supply and distribution of foodgrains to the railway employees in the Darjeeling District is the responsibility of the State Government.

(b) No complaint has been received from any Railway staff by the North-east Frontier Railway Administration

regarding the non-availability of rice in Darjeeling area.

H.M.T. Unit at Pinjore

***797. Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri P. C. Borooah:**

Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sanction to set up the second unit at Pinjore of the Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd. has been given in order to raise production; and

(b) if not, whether this will not affect the planning of the H.M.T. in the setting up of the sixth unit as well as the other units planned for the Fourth Five Year Plan?

The Minister of Industry (Shri D. Sanjivayya): (a) Yes, Sir. But a revised estimate is still under consideration.

(b) On the above basis there may be some delay in the commissioning of the second stage of the Pinjore Plant (6th unit). The programming of the remaining units planned for the Fourth Plan period, is under the consideration of HMT's management.

Metallurgy

***798. Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri K. N. Tiwary:
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:**

Will the Minister of Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to a paper submitted to the working group on Metallurgy by Dr. B. R. Jajhawan, Director of National Metallurgical Laboratory, suggesting that India could save foreign exchange worth Rs. 100 crores by stepping up the production of minerals and ores;

(b) whether Government endorse his suggestion that a number of metal-

lurgical plants should be started to process raw minerals and ores;

(c) the steps taken to use geological, geo-physical and geo-chemical techniques in larger volume; and

(d) whether research work has been undertaken in designing and manufacturing geo-physical equipment and developing field methods?

The Minister of Mines and Metals (Shri S. K. Dey): (a) and (b). Government are aware of the suggestions made in the paper submitted by Dr. B. R. Jijhawan and generally agree with them.

(c) The Geological Survey of India and the Indian Bureau of Mines, the two agencies of the Central Government for undertaking exploration and proving work, have been strengthened in successive Five Year Plans to undertake large number of geological, geophysical and geochemical investigations all over the country. The Government is fully aware of the need to step up exploration and proving work and it is proposed to further expand the Geological Survey of India for this purpose during the Fourth Plan period.

(d) Research work is being carried out in the Geological Survey of India and the National Geophysical Research Institute, Hyderabad, to design and manufacture geophysical equipment and to develop field methods.

साइसेंसों का विद्या जाना

- *799. श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय :
 श्री विश्वनाथ पाण्डेय :
 श्री बी० चं० शर्मा :
 श्रीमती सावित्री निगम :
 श्री प्र० रं० चक्रवर्ती :
 श्री विभूति मिश्र :
 श्री बसुमतारी :
 श्री ज० ब० सिंह बिष्ट :
 श्री सिद्धेश्वर प्रसाद :
 श्रीमती रामदुलारी सिन्हा :

श्री यशपाल सिंह :

श्री प्र० चं० बहग्रा :

क्या उद्योग मंत्री 19 नवम्बर, 1965 के अंतरांकित प्रश्न संख्या 958 के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने उद्योगों को लाइसेंस देने की नीति में कुछ परिवर्तन करने वाले प्रस्तावों पर इस बीच विचार कर लिया है ; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इस बारे में सरकार ने क्या निर्णय किया है ?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री संजीवय्या) : (क) और (ख). इन प्रस्तावों पर अभी सरकार विचार कर रही है ।

De-scheduling of Industries

*800. Shri Himatsingka:
 Shri Rameshwar Tantia:

Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Union Government are considering a proposal regarding de-scheduling of eight industries from the licensing list;

(b) if so, the names of the Industries and the reasons therefor; and

(c) when the final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

The Minister of Industry (Shri D. Sanjivayya): (a) to (c). Some proposals for the liberalisation of industrial licensing are under the consideration of Government. As soon as a final decision is taken, details of the proposed liberalisation will be announced.

Loss of M.M.T.C's. Iron ore at Madras

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

(a) whether iron ore weighing about 1,16,724 tonnes due for export