

Shri P. C. Borooah: In order to give a fillip to the growth of industrial production, the NPC observed 1966 as the Productivity Year. May I know to what extent up till now that has been successful?

Shri D. Sanjivayya: Yes, Sir; 1966 has been observed as Productivity Year. It is very difficult to measure its results; they are intangible. But one thing can be said that by and large productivity consciousness has been created amongst the managements as well as workers.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: In view of the demand for indigenous products to be encouraged, may I know whether the agency of the NPC is being used or is proposed to be used for making an assessment about the indigenous things available in this country and about the capacity of indigenous things to be made in this country in future?

Shri D. Sanjivayya: It is difficult to say at the moment as to what is the potential so far as indigenous raw materials and machines are concerned. Certainly, we will utilise this agency also in addition to the various other agencies to assess the position.

Trade with Bulgaria and Rumania

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Shri K. N. Tiwary:

Shri Basappa:

Shri Bhagwat Jha Asaf:

Shri P. C. Borooah:

Shri M. L. Dwivedi:

Shri Subodh Hansda:

Dr. M. M. Das:

Shri P. C. Borooah:

Shri Yashpal Singh:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Indian delegation led by Shri Mohammad Shafi Qureshi, Union Deputy Minister of Commerce visited Bulgaria and Rumania to discuss the expansion of trade with these countries; and

(b) if so, to what extent the visit of the Deputy Minister has been helpful in boosting up the Indian trade?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Both ways trade with Bulgaria and Rumania during 1967 is expected to touch a level of Rs. 27 crores and Rs. 32 crores respectively which shows an increase of 18 per cent and 15 per cent respectively over the trade levels likely to be achieved in 1966. There will be greater diversification in the exports to these countries and there is likely to be substantial increase in the percentage of manufactured goods in our export package to these countries.

Shri Basappa: May I know the main items which go to Bulgaria and Rumania?

Shri Manubhai Shah: The main items are: jute goods, tea, tobacco, engineering products, textiles, yarn, leather and shoes, hides and skins, goat skins and various other products.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether non-official delegations were also sent during the last three years; if so, what recommendations they made and what are the recommendations that this delegation made?

Shri Manubhai Shah: My colleague, Shri Qureshi, led this delegation and brought about these beneficial results. They recommended that more and more effort should be made to penetrate these markets for manufactured goods.

Dr. M. M. Das: After devaluation our trade with these countries practically came to an end. There were no exports so far as our country is concerned. What is the present position? May I know whether Government has made any assessment as to the total amount of loss due to loss in exports suffered by our country due to devaluation?

Shri Manubhai Shah: There was only a very temporary lull for clarification of the rupee arrangement. That has been got over and all the East-European countries have agreed to the new arrangement. Trade is not likely to fall, on the other hand it is likely to increase.

Dr. M. M. Das: Am I to understand that the total quantity or the total volume of our trade with these countries has not suffered at all due to devaluation.....

Shri Manubhai Shah: Your assumption is correct.

Shri P. C. Borooah: The hon. Minister just now said that tea is one of the articles exported to Bulgaria and Rumania. This article is facing stiff competition in world market and it is almost being priced out. May I know whether any subsidy has been given to this item, particularly, to push this item in these two countries?

Shri Manubhai Shah: No special assistance is announced. The general policy of assistance which has been laid on the Table of the House applies to all countries irrespective of destination.

Unwholesome Food served in Canteens on Railways

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Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri H. C. Linga Reddy:
Shri Surendra Pal Singh:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Dr. M. M. Das:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
Shri Basumatari:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of serving of unwholesome food by the departmental canteens on the Indian Railways have increased;

(b) if so, whether any study has been made to find out the causes thereof; and

(c) the measures contemplated to improve the working of the canteens?

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

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Sustained attention continues to be paid to see that catering establishments at stations and on trains serve food of good quality. The steps taken include procurement of raw materials of good quality, posting of efficient cooks, training of staff, and Refrigeration/insulation arrangements where necessary. Supervision by Commercial and Medical Officer and Inspectorial staff and members of non-official Committees has also been intensified.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : क्या यह सही है कि जो ट्रेनों में इस वक़्त खाना मिलता है उस में से बर्दाश्त आती है और जो चाय के लिए दूध आता है वह चार दिन पुराना होता है, उसमें कीड़े पकड़े जाते हैं ?

श्री शामनाथ : ऐसी बात तो नहीं है और न ऐसी कोई शिकायत आई है। जो शिकायत आयी है वह यह है....

श्रीमती तारकेश्वरी सिन्हा : यह शिकायत है।.... (ध्वनिमान) .. हम लोगो ने यह एक्सपीरियेंस किया है अध्यक्ष महोदय, इस-लिए यह कंस कह सकते हैं ?

श्री शामनाथ : शिकायत जो अनुमन आती है वह चपातियों के मुताल्लिक होती है या राइस के मुताल्लिक होती है। यह दूध बगैरह की इतनी क्वालिटी खराब होने के मुताल्लिक कोई शिकायत हमारे पास तो आयी नहीं।

श्री यशपाल सिंह : क्या कभी मिनिस्टर साहब ने देखा है कि जो खाना आता है, उसकी