

increased their profits during the last few years due to the steep rise in the prices printed on their piece-goods; and

(c) the measures Government propose to take to reduce the prices of these piece-goods to the 1959 level?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The several aspects affecting the problem of cotton textiles and prices have been referred to the Tariff Commission for a full enquiry and report under their terms of reference, the Commission will have to recommend *inter-alia* fair ex-mill prices of cloth and yarn. The matter will be considered further by Government after receiving the Commission's report, which is expected shortly.

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*७६३. श्रीमती सत्यभामा देवी : क्या वाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सांभर लेक (राजस्थान) से नमक भेजने में कठिनाई होने के कारण उत्तर प्रदेश, राजस्थान, पंजाब तथा बिहार के कुछ जिलों में नमक का अभाव हो गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके कारण क्या हैं ;

(ग) क्या इस सम्बन्ध में हिन्दुस्तान साल्ट्स लिमिटेड के अधिकारियों ने भारत सरकार को कोई सूचना भजी है, और यदि हां, तो क्या ; और

(घ) सरकार सांभर लेक से नमक भेजने में होने वाली कठिनाई को दूर करने के लिये क्या कदम उठा रही है ?

वाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्रालय में उद्योग मंत्री (श्री कानूनगो) : (क) से (घ) सभा की मेज पर एक विवरण रखा जाता है।

विवरण

(क) उत्तर प्रदेश, राजस्थान और पंजाब के जिलों में सांभर नमक की कमी की कोई सूचना हाल में नहीं मिली है। नमक भेजने के लिये बिहार को सांभर स्रोत से सम्बद्ध नहीं किया गया है।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

(ग) जी, नहीं।

(घ) रेलवे अधिकारियों से निवेदन किया गया है कि वे पर्याप्त संख्या में वैनो के संभरण की व्यवस्था करें, जिससे क्षेत्रीय योजना के अधीन विभिन्न राज्यों को नियत किया गया नमक का पूरा परिमाण भेजा जा सके।

Indian Journalists Expelled from East Pakistan

*764 { Shri Brij Raj Singh:
Shri Bade:
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently Pakistan Government have expelled some Indian journalists from East Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what facilities our Government are affording to Pakistan newsmen residing in India;

(d) whether these facilities are on par with the facilities being given to Indian journalists in Pakistan;

(e) if not, whether attention of the Pakistan Government has been drawn towards this discrepancy; and

(f) if so, with what result?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) Yes, Sir, "The Statesman" correspondent Shri Noney and his wife were ordered to leave East Pakistan, at short notice in February, 1962.

(b) On the 10th February, 1962, the passports of Shri W. H. Noney and his wife, which were deposited with the Government of East Pakistan for the renewal of visas, were returned to them with the instructions that they should leave East Pakistan by the 12th February, 1962. Intervention by the Deputy High Commissioner for India in Dacca failed to move the East Pakistan Government to reconsider their decision or to allow a reasonable extension of time to enable Shri Noney to wind up his affairs in Dacca.

(c) and (d). The facilities accorded by the Government of India to an accredited Pakistan newsman in India are the same as those accorded to any other foreign accredited correspondent, except that the Pakistani newsmen have visas valid only for their place of accreditation, which is Delhi in their case, just as Indian correspondents in Pakistan have visas valid for their place of accreditation, which may be Rawalpindi, Karachi or Dacca. This is strictly on the basis of reciprocity.

(e) and (f). Do not arise.

Cable Factory at Thrippoonithura in Kerala

*765. { Shri Vasudevan Nair:
Shri Warior:
Shri P. Kunhan:

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

(a) whether the proposal to establish a Cable Factory at Thrippoonithura in Kerala State had been abandoned; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry

(Shri Kanungo): (a) No, Sir; the proposal has not been abandoned.

(b) Does not arise.

Indian Embassy in Washington

*766. **Shri Inder J. Malhotra:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Embassy in Washington brings out a publication named "Indiagram";

(b) whether such publications are also brought out by other Indian Missions abroad; and

(c) the total amount spent on such publications annually?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) Yes.

(b) About 40 of our missions abroad bring out news bulletins of various kinds. Some of them are called "Indiagram" and some go by other names.

(c) Expenditure on such publications forms a part of the individual budget of each mission. Total expenditure incurred annually by all of them on this publication is not readily ascertainable.

Cocoon Producing Areas in Bihar

*767. **Shri H. C. Roy:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Singbhum district and the adjoining area in Bihar are large cocoon producing areas but there are no comprehensive schemes for ruling, spinning and weaving this cocoon silk by the cocoon rearers and the local weavers and the bulk of cocoon goes out elsewhere; and

(b) if so, the steps to be taken to use cocoon locally in all its manufacturing processes?

The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) and (b). Information is being collected and will be