

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO
QUESTIONS

Tripura and Second Five Year Plan

*1001. **Shri Dasaratha Deb:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) what were the outlay and expenditure of the Second Five Year Plan in Tripura;

(b) what part of it was transferred to Tripura Territorial Council; and

(c) how far the targets were achieved during the Plan period by both Tripura Administration and Tripura Territorial Council?

The Minister of Planning and Labour and Employment (Shri Nanda): (a) Against the Second Five Year Plan outlay of Rs. 8.47 crores, the anticipated outlay is Rs. 8.92 crores.

(b) The Territorial Council was entrusted with the implementation of programmes relating to Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Milk Supply and a few schemes under Roads, Education, Health and Welfare of Backward Classes.

(c) While the expenditure under the Plan of Tripura Administration will exceed by 9%, there may be about 10% shortfall under the Plan of the Territorial Council.

Bicycles

*1003. **Shri Bishwanath Roy:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has now attained self-sufficiency regarding Bicycles; and

(b) if so, whether the export is improving?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

Export of Onions

*1011. **Shri M. L. Jadhav:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of Government in regard to export of onions;

(b) whether the same policy is followed in all the States that export onions;

(c) whether Government intend to give more facilities to co-operative societies in this respect; and

(d) whether any efforts have been made to find out new markets for the export of onions?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Export of onions to Pakistan is allowed under Open General Licence No. 4. Exports to all other permissible destinations are licensed subject to an overall ceiling to all categories of exporters, including co-operative societies, on 'first-come-first-served' basis. Further liberalisation is under consideration.

(b) There is a uniform policy for export of onions from all parts of the country.

(c) Co-operative societies enjoy full facilities for the export of onions.

(d) As the quotas of onions released by Government are being utilised satisfactorily, no special steps are being taken for increasing exports of onions.

Singareni Collieries

*1013. **Shri P. Kunhan:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether the conciliation proceedings between the Singareni Collieries Company and the Singareni Collieries Workers' Union regarding amending gratuity rules of the Singareni Collieries Company has ended in failure; matter?