

President Diem's Visit to India

*522. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state whether it is a fact that President Diem of South Viet Nam is likely to visit India this year?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): Yes

Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd., Pimpri (Poona)

*523. **Shri Morarka.** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state

(a) what are the main terms and conditions on which an agreement has been entered into by the Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd, for setting up a glass vial manufacturing plant,

(b) when this agreement was entered into, and

(c) when this plant is expected to be ready to go into production?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) A statement showing the main terms and conditions of the agreement is laid on the Table of Lok Sabha [See Appendix II annexure No 42]

(b) In July, 1956

(c) The glass smelting furnace has been completed and put into Commission. Automatic machines to manufacture the vials are expected to arrive in October 1957 and will be installed soon after

Fertilizer Factory in Andhra

*524. **Shri M V Krishna Rao:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 106 on the 27th March, 1957 and state

(a) whether the Government have taken any decision about setting up a fertilizer factory in Andhra Pradesh, and

(b) if so, where it will be located?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise

Mulberry Crop

*525. **Shrimati Renuka Ray:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state

(a) whether he is aware of the fact that there has been 80 per cent failure of the mulberry crop in Malda district this year, and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by the Central Sericultural Research Station to investigate the causes of this failure and to counteract the disease or any other cause which has resulted in such a large scale failure of the crop?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) No, Sir. The failure is understood to have been less than 10 per cent

(b) The failure of the crop is reported to have been due to excessive heat and prolonged drought. Necessary steps were taken by the State Government to meet the situation

Industrial Undertakings

526. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state

(a) whether the standard of discipline in the industrial undertakings has steadily deteriorated during the last two years,

(b) if so the number of man-days lost in the years 1955-56 and 1956-57, and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to improve the situation?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) There are complaints that discipline has deteriorated in recent years