

Import Licences

*1289. **Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have cancelled major part of import licences issued for the year 1957;

(b) if so, its reaction on the market prices; and

(c) when Government propose to revise their policy regarding import licences?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Closure of Textile Mills in Kanpur

{ **Shri S. M. Banerjee:**
Shri Jagdish Awasthi:
Shri T. K. Chaudhuri:
Shri Narayanankutty Menon:
 *1290. { **Shrimati Parvathi Krishnan:**
Shri Braj Raj Singh:
Shri Vasudevan Nair:
Shri Punnoose:

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

(a) whether some textile Mills in Kanpur are being closed,

(b) if so, the reasons for the closure; and

(c) steps taken by Government to stop such closure?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 76]

Japanese Delegation for the Development of Indian Ports

*1290-A. **Shri Bimal Ghose:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation headed by Dr. Todashi Hida has recently arrived in India from Japan;

(b) whether it has come at the invitation of the Government of India;

(c) what is the object of the visit of this delegation to India; and

(d) Which other foreign missions or delegations have recently visited or are now visiting India for developing or selecting sites for development of new ports?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) A delegation from Japan has arrived of which Dr. Hida is a member

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The object is to investigate the possibility of Japanese Steel Mills buying iron ore from India on a long term basis

(d) A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha [See Appendix IV, annexure No 77]

Firing by the Pakistan Police

{ **Shri Hem Barua:**
Shri L. Achaw Singh:
 *1291. { **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:**
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Jadhav:
Shri Jagdish Awasthi:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether firing was resorted to by the Pakistan Police on Indian citizens at Dawki, Khasi and Jayantia Hills, Assam on the 24th November, 1957; and

(b) if so, the loss of life, if any?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) Yes, Sir. Pakistan Border Police fired on Indian nationals at Dawki on the 23rd November, 1957.

(b) No loss of life has been reported.