

try for cans and containers are not being met fully;

(b) what is the present position of demand and supply of tin plates to this industry;

(c) whether any representations and suggestions on behalf of this industry have been received and considered; and

(d) if so, with what result?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) to (d). A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

Statement

Tinplates for the food-packing industry are required mainly for packing *vanaspati*. The demand of the Vanaspati Industry is 24320 tons per annum. Information is not available regarding the exact demand of other food packers. The requirements are met from indigenous production to the extent possible. Imports are allowed to consumer-fabricators to bridge the gap between the packing requirement or capacity whichever is less and the indigenous production, within the limits of foreign exchange availability.

A suggestion has recently been made by the Vanaspati Industry that all *vanaspati* factories, whether they have their own fabricating plants or not, should be granted quotas for their entire packing requirements, instead of making allotments only to fabricators as is being done now. The suggestion is under consideration.

Asylum Given to Phizo by Pakistan

*1213. **Shri Hem Barua:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether the escapade and present asylum given to the Naga rebel leader, Mr. Phizo, has been brought to the notice of the Pakistan Government; and

(b) if so, with what results?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) No communication has been addressed to the Pakistan Government on this subject. When, however, it was stated in Parliament that Mr. Phizo had been in Dacca, a denial was issued by the Pakistan authorities.

(b) Does not arise.

Automobile Industry

Shri V. C. Shukla:
Shri Ram Krishan:
Sardar Iqbal Singh:
Shri V. P. Nayar:
Shri Raghunath Singh:
*1214. Shri Tridib Kumar Chaudhuri:
Shri P. K. Deo:
Shri N. R. Munisamy:
Shri Hem Barua:

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

(a) whether a meeting of the manufacturers of automobiles and automobile engines was called by his Ministry in June, 1958 to review the import programme for the entire automobile industry in the light of the current Foreign Exchange situation; and

(b) if so, what are the suggestions made in the meeting and the decision taken by Government thereon?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 53.]

Indo-Burma Trade Agreement

*1215. Shri Ram Krishan:
Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri Hem Barua:
Sardar Iqbal Singh:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question