

**Newsprint and Sulphite Cellulose Mills at Mirthal (Punjab)**

\*1223 **Shri Hem Raj:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 413 on the 1st December, 1958 and state—

(a) whether Government have considered the feasibility of setting up a Newsprint Mill and Sulphite Cellulose Mill at Mirthal in Punjab, and

(b) whether these mills will be set up in the public sector or private sector?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) and (b). The matter is still under examination. It is also not certain whether it will be in public sector or private sector.

**Tea Industry**

\*1224. **Shri Achar:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that foreign tea companies are remitting large amounts of money out of the country,

(b) if so, the amounts so remitted for the last six years (year-wise), and

(c) the reasons for the said remittances?

**The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra):** (a) to (c) Up-to-date information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Special reasons, if any, will be mentioned after analysing the figures.

**Second Five Year Plan, Bombay**

\*1225. **Shri Sonavane:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Government of Bombay have approached the Central Government for further allocations for fulfilment of plan targets for agricultural production in the Second Five Year Plan as they have almost entirely

exhausted the provision for agricultural production for Second Five Year Plan in the first three years;

(b) Whether the proposal has been considered, and

(c) if so, with what results?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Labour and Employment and Planning (Shri L. N. Mishra):** (a) to (c) The question has been considered by the Ministry of Food and Agriculture in consultation with the Planning Commission. Adequate provisions for the agricultural programme have been made in the plan for 1959-60 which has recently been agreed with the Government of Bombay. The provision for agricultural production in 1959-60 is Rs 9.75 crores and the total provision for agriculture and allied heads of development is Rs 17.3 crores.

**Trade with Iraq**

\*1226. { **Shri Daljit Singh:**  
**Shri P. C. Borooah:**  
**Shri Ram Krishan:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Iraq has agreed to purchase new lines of manufactured goods from India,

(b) whether an agreement has also been reached on the quantum of dates which India will import from Iraq, and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra):** (a) to (c) A copy of the joint communique issued at the conclusion of the visit of the Iraqi Trade Delegation to India has been placed on the Table of the House. As a result of these discussions the trade in traditional items, particularly in Iraqi dates and Indian tea is likely to expand beyond the present level. There is also a possibility of extending this trade to a large number of new products.