

(c) whether they have agreed to evolve competitive and cheaper prices for export of bicycles?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) No, Sir; the Cycle Manufacturers Association of India (not the All India Cycle Manufacturers Association) are, however, known to be considering proposals for increasing exports of bicycles.

(b) and (c). Do not arise

Small Scale Industries

*223. **Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) how far the machinery and material purchased locally and imported for the Small Industries Service Institute, Northern Region have been utilised; and

(b) the centres which have been started and their location?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House [See Appendix I, annexure No. 64.]

Production of Sulphur

*224. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government propose to invite a Norwegian Team to prepare a project report for the production of sulphur from the pyrite deposits at Amjhor in the district of Shahabad, Bihar?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): We are arranging to send samples of Amjhor pyrites to Norway. After the analysis and examination of this for suitability for sulphur and sulphuric acid manufacture is made by the Norwegian firm, Government propose to invite Norwegian experts for a more comprehensive study.

ग्वाडर में भारतीय

*२२५. { श्री सरजू पाण्डे :
श्री बी० चं० शर्मा :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री २५ नवम्बर, १९५८ के तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या २१६ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) ग्वाडर के सम्बन्ध में कराची स्थित भारतीय उच्चायुक्त के प्रथम सचिव और मस्कट में नियुक्त भारतीय वाणिज्य दूत के प्रतिवेदन पर इस बीच विचार कर लिया गया है; और

(ख) यदि हा, तो इस सम्बन्ध में क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

वैदेशिक कार्य मंत्री के सभा सचिव (श्री सादत अली खान) : (क) जी हा ।

(ख) ग्वाडर के भारतीय राष्ट्रियों के लिए कुछ सुविधाएं दिलाने के विषय में पाकिस्तान सरकार के साथ लिखा-पट्टी की गई है ।

Purchase of Jute

*226 { Shri Tridib Kumar
Chaudhuri:
Shri Rajendra Singh:
Shrimati Renu
Chakravartty:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Trading Corporation has decided to buy jute as a measure of price support in Bihar, Orissa, Assam and four northern districts of West Bengal;

(b) if so, on what basis and on whose recommendation this decision was taken by the State Trading Corporation;

(c) what is the price level on the basis of which such purchases will be made; and

(d) whether the State Trading Corporation will make these purchases