

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Not yet, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

#### Patents Law

\*771. **Shri P. C. Boroach:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that our patents law is out-dated and is therefore discouraging inventive genius and hampering industrial development; and

(b) if so, whether Government intend to modify it?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 3.]

#### Washing Soda and Ultramarine Blue

\*772. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India are aware that all over the country washermen experience difficulties in getting their requirements of washing soda and ultramarine blue; and

(b) if so, the steps, if any, taken by Government in the matter

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure re No. 4.]

#### Ninth Washington State International Trade Fair

\*773. **Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal that both the public and private sectors of the Indian trade and industry should take part in the Ninth Washington State International Trade Fair, to be held

at Seattle in the United States of America from 28th April to 8th May, 1960, is under the consideration of the Government of India;

(b) whether a decision has been arrived at; and

(c) if so, its nature and details?

**The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra):** (a) to (c). It has not been possible to include the International Trade Fair at Seattle in the programme drawn up for our participation in fairs and exhibitions abroad during 1960.

#### Export of Tea to Aden and Kuwait

\*774. { **Shri Karni Singhji:**  
**Shri Bhanja Deo:**  
**Qazi Matin:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the tea exports to Aden and Kuwait have declined considerably;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in the matter?

**The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra):** (a) to (c). Exports of Indian tea to Aden and Kuwait in 1958 were 2.2 lakh lbs. and 27.4 lakh lbs. respectively. During the first eight months of 1959, 1.9 lakhs lbs. and 17.9 lakh lbs. respectively were exported to these places. There has thus been no serious decline in exports of Indian tea to these places.

#### Export of Jute Sackings

\*775. { **Shri Kamal Singh:**  
**Shri Ignace Beck:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the export of jute sackings to the Far