

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan):** (a) Yes.

(b) As the report is a somewhat bulky document, a copy has been placed in the library of the House. A summary of the recommendations as well as the effective implementation up-to-date is, however, placed on the Table of the House for the information of the Honourable Members. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 3.]

#### Export of Engineering Goods to Burma

\*386. { Shri Subodh Hansda:  
Shri S. C. Samanta:  
Shri R. C. Majhi:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a steep decline in the export of engineering goods to Burma during the year 1958-59;

(b) if so, the reasons for the same;

(c) whether it has shown any prospect of increase at present; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to improve the situation?

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The reasons are, apparently, Burma's foreign exchange difficulties, her barter agreements with certain countries and her Reparation Agreement with Japan under which she is importing engineering goods.

(c) and (d). A statement showing the corrective measures taken is given below. As a result the situation is expected to improve.

#### STATEMENT

The following specific steps have been taken to promote exports of engineering goods to Burma.

(a) The Engineering Export Promotion Council have set up an Office at Rangoon which keeps contacts with Burmese importers and Chambers of Commerce etc. and is also maintaining a show room to display engineering goods.

(b) A protocol to the 1956 Trade Agreement between India and Burma was concluded on the 25th September, 1958 to promote trade between the two countries and to effect a better balance in the trade. Some of the engineering goods mentioned in the Protocol are sewing machines and parts, electric goods, bicycles and parts, hardware, telephone and telegraph equipment, railway wagons, motor vehicles and agricultural machinery and implements.

#### Small Scale Industries

\*387. **Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) the total purchases made by D.G.S. & D. in the country during each of the last three years and what part of these have been purchased from small scale industries;

(b) what is the advantage of price preference actually given to the small industries; and

(c) the steps being taken to encourage purchases from small scale industries?

**The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri K. C. Reddy):** (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 4.]

#### Hindu and Sikh Shrines

\*388. { Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadl:  
Shri D. C. Sharma:  
Shri Daljit Singh:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 485 on the 14th August, 1959 and state the further progress