

inferior quality of Chinese tyres and tubes has been received either by us or by State Trading Corporation.

All India Handicrafts Board

*24. **Shri Hem Barua:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a seminar of the Eastern region of the All India Handicrafts Board on the development of handicrafts co-operatives held at Ranchi during September, 1960 has recommended that in each State all primary handicrafts co-operative should be federated into one State marketing society to undertake the procurement and distribution of raw materials, secure orders and hold responsibility for quality control, market research, publicity and export etc.; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government to this suggestion?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The recommendations of the All India Handicrafts Board on the suggestions made by the Regional Seminar on handicrafts co-operatives held at Ranchi in September, 1960, have not been received so far. These will be considered as and when these are received by Government.

Goan Political Prisoners in Portugal

*25. { **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh**
Shri Padam Dev:
Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri Ram Garib:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Shri Mohan Ranade, an Indian citizen, serving sentences in Goa Jail in connection with Goa Freedom Movement and several other political prisoners have been sent to Portugal; and

(b) whether Government have received any information about their condition?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): (a) and (b). Government have seen reports in the press that Shri Mohan Ranade an Indian serving a sentence in jail in Goa and some Goan prisoners have been sent to Portugal. Government have no information in the matter but have asked the U.A.R. Government which looks after Indian interests in Portugal and the Portuguese possessions in India to institute immediate enquiries and to furnish whatever information is available. Naturally, Government view with grave concern any deportation of Indians and Goan political prisoners to prisons in Portugal.

P.M.'s Visit to Pakistan

{ **Shri P. G. Deb:**
Shri S. A. Mehdi:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
Shri Nardeo Snatak:
Shri Shree Narayan Das:
Shri Radha Raman:
Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri Subiman Ghose:
Shri Supakar:
Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:
*26. { **Shri Sadhan Gupta:**
Shri P. K. Deo:
Shri Bishwanath Roy:
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri Sarju Pandey:
Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:
Shri M. B. Thakore:
Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:
Shri Wodeyar:
Shri Aurobindo Ghosal:
Shri Assar:
Shri Hem Barua:
Shri Hem Raj:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) what were the subjects discussed during his visit to Pakistan in the 3rd week of September, 1960;

(b) whether Kashmir was discussed; and