

pressure has been put on the Prime Minister?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I have felt no pressure. Naturally sometimes views are exchanged; that kind of thing does take place. Possibly during all these many years there is hardly any subject on which the U.K. Government have sought to exercise pressure on us.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Working Group on Tea

*520. **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2177 on the 21st December 1960 and state:

(a) whether Government have considered the report of the working group on the Third Five Year Plan on tea; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) and (b). The Report of the Working Group is under examination in consultation with the Planning Commission and will be taken into account in the formulation of the Third Five Year Plan.

Exports to U.K.

*521. **Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 508 on the 18th August, 1960 and state:

(a) whether there have been any noticeable effects on India's exports to be the United Kingdom subsequent to Government's consenting to the United Kingdom's request for adjustment of their commitments on tariff preferences to Indian products; and

(b) if so, details thereof?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Groundnut Oil

*522. { **Shri A. K. Gopalan:**
Shri M. K. Kumaran:
Shri Warrior:
Shri Punnoose:
Shri Kediyan:

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

(a) by how much the price of groundnut oil has increased since December, 1960 to date; and

(b) the quantity of groundnut oil exported during 1960?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) The prices of groundnut oil have increased by about Rs. 150 per ton in Bombay market since December, 1960.

(b) 1612 tons of groundnut oil were exported in January—November, 1960.

Prices of Drugs

*527. { **Shri Kediyan:**
Shri Ajit Singh Sarhad:
Shri P. C. Borooah:

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

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that a patent drug of the same brand is often sold at different prices by different chemists;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to check the disparity in prices; and

(c) whether any concrete steps are being taken or proposed to lower and standardise drug prices?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) to (c). Broadly, most of the drugs are sold in the market on a competitive basis and basis in this report, and whether any