

open, and all registered buyers have an equal opportunity to bid in the auctions.

(d) The four bigger broking firms have been in the field for a long time and have naturally larger financial resources which enable them to finance some of the weaker sections of Indian producers. If the purely Indian firms wish to embark on crop financing, they can also do so with larger capital. If the facility granted by the larger broking firms were to be curtailed, it would cause great hardship to weaker Indian producers.

(e) Government are more concerned about the difficulties experienced by tea gardens in finding finance for capital development. It is with this end in view, several schemes of assistance have been brought into operation.

Manufacture of Tape Recorders

*872. { Shri B. Das Gupta:
Shri Aurobindo Ghosal:

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

(a) whether any factory for manufacturing tape recorders has been set up in Kerala; and

(b) if so, what is the quantum of production and whether it is with any foreign collaboration?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a). No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

Indian Exhibition in Moscow

*874. { Shri Ajit Singh Sarhad:
Shrimati Ha Palchowdri:

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

(a) whether there is any proposal to have an Indian Exhibition in Moscow on the lines of recent British Exhibition to increase the chances and opportunity of trade between the two countries;

(b) if so, when would such Exhibition be held; and

(c) whether private enterprise in the country would be given opportunity to have stalls of their own to exhibit their goods?

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

(a) There is no such proposal under consideration at the moment.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Influx of Minority Community from Pakistan

*877. { Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri Raghunath Singh:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of people belonging to minority community in West Pakistan have been crossing into India in recent months from Rajasthan border because of insecurity prevailing there;

(b) if so, the number of such persons who arrived in India during the past two months; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House as soon as it becomes available.

Satgram Celliery

*878. { Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri Chandi Lal:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 389 on the 28th February, 1981 and state:

(a) whether Government have considered the question of reinstatement of discharged/dismissed