

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON POWER ALCOHOL

*700. **Shri C. R. Chowdary:** (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether there has recently been an International Seminar held on power alcohol?

(b) If so, which countries attended it?

(c) What was the business transacted at the seminar and of what use are the decisions taken to India?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 22].

PRODUCTION OF PHARMACEUTICALS

*701. **Shri M. L. Dwivedi:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether the pharmaceuticals produced in India are sufficient to meet the demands of the country?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): No, Sir.

WAGON SUPPLY POSITION FOR COAL TRANSPORT

*702. **Shri A. C. Guha:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

(a) whether the position of supplying wagons for coal transport has improved during the last four months;

(b) if so, whether he proposes to make a statement on the present position of wagon supply for coal transport; and

(c) whether it is a fact that in many places in West Bengal, the price of coal for domestic cooking purposes has gone up due to the fact that the transport of coal by motor trucks involves higher charges?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) Yes.

(b) I may state that against an average of about 3000 wagons for coal transport till the month of June, the figures for July, August, September and October were 3108, 3444, 3323 and 3390 respectively; and up to the 15th of November the average was 3374. This improvement is seasonal but the Government are taking action by way of rationalising

coal transport and placing orders for new wagons to effect a more permanent improvement.

(c) Yes, to some extent, in some sub-divisions of the State. Since Rail movement is used to the fullest possible extent the use of trucks to secure additional supplies seems to be unavoidable.

REHABILITATION OF DISPLACED PERSONS

*703. **Shri T. K. Chaudhuri:** Will the Minister of Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) the number of displaced persons from East Pakistan sent for rehabilitation outside West Bengal, excepting Assam and Tripura, since the beginning of 1950 upto October, 1952 and the figures of displaced persons sent to each State;

(b) what are the figures for Assam and Tripura;

(c) the number of displaced persons that have come back or deserted from Government displaced persons' camps or colonies in each of these States;

(d) the number of persons that remain behind and are permanently settled in each of these States;

(e) whether Government held any inquiries as to the reasons that impelled these displaced persons to return or desert from the places to which they were sent and the results thereof; and

(f) the number that is being proposed to be sent to each of these States now beginning from 25th October, 1952?

The Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri A. P. Jain): (a)—

Bihar	27,504 persons
Orissa	27,389 persons
Uttar Pradesh	3,754 persons
Andamans	2,150 persons
TOTAL	60,797 persons

(b) No displaced persons were sent to Assam and Tripura.

(c) Bihar 11,471 persons
Orissa 18,916 persons
Uttar Pradesh 415 persons
Andamans Figures not available.

(d) Bihar 12,490 persons
Orissa 7,555 persons
Uttar Pradesh 3,339 persons
Andaman 2,150 persons