

(b) the goods imported from that country and exported to that country during the above years;

(c) whether the prices of Yugoslavia goods compare favourably with those for similar goods obtaining in the rest of the Eastern European countries and the Soviet Union; and

(d) whether the Yugoslav machinery displayed at the recent International Industries Exhibition held in Delhi is useful for our industries?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) and (b). A statement giving the required information is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix X, annexure No. 51.]

(c) Government has no information.

(d) The Government are unable to express an opinion on this matter.

DELHI-AJMER-MERWARA RENT CONTROL ACT

*2265-A. **Pandit Thakur Das Bhargava:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) the date from which the Delhi Ajmer Merwara Rent Control Act (1952) came into effect;

(b) whether the rules referred to bring out operations of several sections of the Act have been framed;

(c) if so, when; and

(d) whether it is a fact that owing to the rules not being framed the operation of several sections of the Act is in suspense?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) 9th June 1952.

(b) and (d). No rules under this Act have as yet been framed but the absence of these rules do not materially affect the provisions of the Act being implemented.

(c) The draft of the rules is now under examination and will be issued without much delay.

PATENTS ENQUIRY COMMITTEE

*2265-B. **Pandit Thakur Das Bhargava:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) when was the Patents Enquiry Committee appointed under the chairmanship of Dr. Bakhshi Tek Chand;

(b) when was its interim report made and what were the main recommendations;

(c) what steps did Government take to implement its recommendations; and

(d) when was the final report made and what steps did Government take to give effect to its recommendations?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): (a) 1st October, 1948.

(b) The interim report was made on 4th August, 1949. The main recommendations of the Committee were:--

(i) that it should be open to an interested party to apply for a compulsory licence or revocation of the patent on certain grounds;

(ii) that it should be possible to institute proceedings before the Controller of Patents and Designs for obtaining relief against abuse of patent rights; and

(iii) that an appeal should lie from any order of the Controller to an *ad hoc* special tribunal nominated by Central Government.

(c) The Indian Patents and Designs (Amendment) Act, 1950 (No. XXXII of 1950) generally giving effect to the recommendations was passed in April, 1950.

(d) The final report was submitted on 30th April, 1950 and is under consideration.

INDIAN MINES ACT, 1952

*2266. **Shri Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) the States (Parts A and B) where the Indian Mines Act, 1952 has been enforced fully;

(b) the States (Parts A and B) where only certain provisions of the Indian Mines Act, 1952 have been enforced, and the provisions which have been enforced; and

(c) the steps that Government are taking to ensure the enforcement of this Act by the 31st December, 1953 as stipulated in the Act?

The Minister of Labour (Shri V. V. Giri): (a) to (c). The Mines Act 1952, has, in its entirety, been brought into force with effect from the 1st July 1952 in the whole of India except the State of Jammu and Kashmir by a notification issued under sub-section (3) of section 1 of the Act.

In view of the fact that quite a number of women will be out of

employment if section 46 of the Indian Mines Act, 1952, which provides that no woman shall be employed at any time of the day or night in any part of the mine which is below the adjacent ground level, is enforced, it has been decided to permit employment of women in open cast workings only, by issuing an exemption order under section 83 of the Act.

REPRESENTATION FROM HINDUSTAN MOTORS LTD.

***2267. Shri H. N. Mukerjee:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) details of representation, if any, made by Messrs. Hindustan Motors Ltd. before and after closing down production;

(b) whether cars produced by this factory are cheaper than other cars of similar horse-power (i) imported from abroad or (ii) assembled in India;

(c) whether any other Indian producers have made comparable representations to Government;

(d) whether steps are contemplated to restrict import of cars; and

(e) whether Government have any plan to build automobile factories as State enterprises?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):

(a) Certain representations were made by this firm in April, 1952, in which *inter alia* they stated that unless their stock position altered for the better they would have to close down. They have followed this up with other communications.

(b) The list price of Hindustan Cars is Rs. 11,075. Other makes of similar category are listed at higher prices.

(c) Some of the assemblers have made representations regarding similar and other matters.

(d) The import policy for the second half of 1952 has not yet been announced.

(e) No, Sir.

FURNACE OIL

***2268. Dr. Amin:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of furnace oil imported from different countries during January—December 1950, January—December 1951 and January—June 1952 periods;

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(b) the names of the firms, which imported furnace oil, the quantity imported and the price charged at the port of import including duty during the above mentioned periods;

(c) the average consumer prices per ton at the places of export, the shipping freights per ton and the import duty per ton during the above mentioned periods;

(d) whether it is a fact that the monopoly of the oil companies is working against the interests of our country; and

(e) if the answer to part (d) above be in the affirmative, what action Government propose to take to break this monopoly?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) to (c). Three statements giving the required information are placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix X, annexure No. 52.]

(d) No.

(e) The question does not arise.

BONE-MEAL

***2269. Shri U. M. Trivedi:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an export duty on bones in Madhya Bharat;

(b) whether there is a ban on export of bones from Rajasthan; and

(c) what has been the effect of this on the bone-meal factories of Madhya Bharat?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

GROUNDNUT (EXPORT)

***2270. Shri Muniswamy:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether producers of groundnuts in India are given facilities to sell their products outside India independently of professional export firms;

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, which are the producers' organisations that are doing such business; and