

(a) whether any further decision has been taken with regard to the holy shrines left in Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) to (c). No Sir. The Second meeting of the Indo-Pakistan Joint Committee on Shrines has not yet taken place. The Government of Pakistan have so far not responded to our invitation extended to them in February, 1962.

Staple Fibre Factories

720. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the progress made so far in the direction of establishing staple fibre factories to meet the cotton shortage in the country?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): Two units are already manufacturing staple fibre with a total capacity of 56 million lbs. The question of establishing additional capacity is under examination.

Tea Auction Market in Assam

721. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision has been taken on the question of opening a tea auction market in Assam; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken in pursuance of the decision?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). No, Sir.

Tea Production

722. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether tea production in Northern India in June this year had decreased;

(b) if so, how it compared with the tea production in that region last year; and

(c) whether this decline is attributable to certain specific factories, and if so, what?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). Production of tea in North Eastern India in June, 1962 amounted to 29.5 m. kgms. compared to 31.5 m. kgms during June, 1961, thereby showing a decrease in production by about 2 million kgms.

(c) The decline was mainly due to excessive rains and floods in the Assam Valley and Cachar.

Development of Tea Garden

723. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a scheme for development of tea gardens by extension of promising small gardens and closure of uneconomic ones; and

(b) if so, how many small tea gardens in (i) North Eastern and (ii) other parts of the country, are to be extended and how many uneconomic gardens are to be closed?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

विदेशों में भारतीय मिशन

७२४. श्री उटिया : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारत के कितने विदेशी दूतावास में हिन्दी और उस देश की राष्ट्रभाषा के दूतावासियों की नियुक्ति की गई है; और

(ख) उन देशों के नाम क्या हैं जिन के साथ भारत हिन्दी में पत्र-व्यवहार करता है और किन्-किन देशों के साथ अंग्रेजी में ?

प्रधान मंत्री तथा वंदेशिक कार्य मंत्री तथा अणुशक्ति मंत्री (श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू) : (क) विदेश-स्थित हमारे मिशनों में कोई हिन्दी दुभाषिया नहीं है। जिन देशों में अंग्रेजी राजभाषा नहीं है, वहाँ उस देश की राष्ट्रभाषा के दुभाषिए मुलभ हैं।

(ख) विदेशों के साथ अंग्रेजी में पत्र व्यवहार किया जाता है। बरहाल, विदेशों की सरकारों को नीचे लिखे पत्र हिन्दी में पेश किये जाते हैं और उनका अंग्रेजी अनुवाद साथ दिया जाता है

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Exchange of Fire Between Indo-Pak Border Police in J. & K.

725. { Shri P. C. Borooah;
Shri Raghunath Singh:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there occurred a heavy exchange of fire between Pakistani armed troops and civilians, on the one side and Indian border police and villagers on the other in Chhamb area of Jammu on the 13th July, 1962;

(b) if so, the cause of the fire-exchange; and

(c) casualties, if any, suffered by either side?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):
(a) No Sir.

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

12 hrs.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

DIGGING OF TRENCHES BY PAKISTANI ARMED FORCES ALONG THE WEST BENGAL-PAKISTAN BORDER

Shri Yash Pal Singh (Kairana): Sir, under Rule 197 I call the attention of the Prime Minister to the following matter of urgent public importance and I request that he may make a statement thereon:

"Reported digging of trenches by Pakistani Armed Forces along the West Bengal-Pakistani border".

The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): Information has been received from the Government of West Bengal on 13th August, 1962, confirming that some trenches "seem to have been dug" near the Pakistan Border Output Jadarpur, opposite the Indian village Madhupur and Hariapur, about 15 years of the de jure boundary.

The West Bengal Government received a report about the digging of these trenches from the district authorities on the 6th of August, 1962. On the 9th of August, 1962 the West Bengal Government filed a protest with the East Pakistan Government describing the digging of trenches on the Pakistan territory so close to the de jure boundary line as a violation of the ground rules and a contribution to the heightening of tension in the area.

The West Bengal Government also stated on the telephone that the D.I.G. (Border Police) was trying to collect more facts and that close watch was