

operatives and share capital loans to their members, to guarantee advances of the Central Cooperative Banks and Industrial Cooperative Banks to industrial cooperatives, to subsidise the cost of managerial and supervisory staff appointed by these Banks specially to look after the industrial Cooperatives and wherever these Banks are unable to finance the industrial cooperatives, to use the agency of the State Bank of India for financing the cooperatives.

Future of Goods Traffic in India

1432. { Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri B. K. Das:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:

Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a British economic expert warned the Indian Railways for its bad future in transport of goods due to heavy increase of road transport;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to face this bad consequence;

(c) whether the British expert has made any suggestion to improve and maintain its goods traffic in future; and

(d) if so, what are those suggestions?

The Minister of Planning and Labour and Employment (Shri Nanda):
(a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). The questions do not arise.

Hotels in Goa

1433. **Shri Bishanchander Seth:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Union Government have agreed to assist the Goans in starting three hotels in their territory; and

(b) if so, the nature of assistance accorded?

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

(b) Does not arise.

Export of Iron Ore

1434. **Shri P. R. Chakraverti:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Trading Corporation has been exploring chances for increasing exports of Indian iron ore to foreign countries;

(b) if so, the amount of increase that has been obtained in the year 1961 country-wise;

(c) the profit earned by the State Trading Corporation; and

(d) what steps have been taken by the State Governments to remove the paucity of transport and the handling capacity at the ports?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). The S. T.C. is taking several steps to increase exports of iron ore. In 1961 exports increased by 62,000 tons (value Rs. 56 lakhs) over figures for 1960. A statement showing increase in export of iron ore country-wise for years 1958 to 1961 is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II Annexure No. 34].

(c) It is not in public interest to disclose profits earned on any individual item. Annual reports and statement of accounts of S.T.C. are, however, regularly laid on the Table of the House.

(d) State Governments have undertaken improvement of roads and port facilities and are co-operating with the Central Government in development and modernisation of mining operations.