

(c) whether Government intend to explore other foreign markets for beedis?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On an average, Ceylon has been importing from India beedis worth Rs. 50 lakhs per year.

(c) The Tobacco Export Promotion Council is siezed of the difficulties created by the ban imposed by Ceylon Government, efforts are being made by them to find alternative export markets for beedis as well as we are taking up the matter with the Ceylonese Government for reconsideration.

Guar Seed

1460. Shri Tan Singh: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the industrial uses of Guar (Cluster bean) cultivated in the arid regions of north-western India;

(b) whether the potentialities of the end uses of the extracts obtained from the guar seed have been completely exhausted; and

(c) if not, the research to be undertaken?

The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) Guar gum of different grades derived from Guar (Cluster bean) is utilised in various industries such as paper manufacture, textile finishing and printing, yarn sizing, mining and drilling, explosives, canned foods, ice creams, frozen food, cheese, cosmetics, tooth pastes etc.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Further research is in progress to tap the potentialities of the use of guar based products.

उत्तर प्रदेश से औद्योगिक लाइसेंसों के लिए प्रार्थना पत्र

१४६१. { श्री सरजू पाण्डेय :
श्री ज० ब० सिंह :

क्या वाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उत्तर प्रदेश से १९६२ और १९६३ में औद्योगिक लाइसेंसों के लिए कितने प्रार्थनापत्र प्राप्त हुए ; और

(ख) कितने मामलों में लाइसेंस दिये जा चुके हैं और कितने मामले अभी विचाराधीन हैं ?

वाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्रालय में उद्योग मंत्री (श्री कानूनगो) : (क) १९६२ और १९६३ (२२ मार्च, १९६३ तक) में १६६ ।

(ख) १४ मामलों में लाइसेंस मंजूर किये जा चुके हैं तथा ७५ मामलों में अभी निर्णय होना बाकी है ।

Allotment of Non-Ferrous Metals to Uttar Pradesh

1462. { Shri Sarjoo Pandey:
Shri J. B. Singh:

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

(a) the quantity of non-ferrous metals allotted to Uttar Pradesh during 1960-61, 1961-62 and 1962-63 so far;

(b) whether the Uttar Pradesh Government have requested the Central Government to increase the quota; and

(c) if so, the decision taken thereon?

The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry

(Shri Kanungo): (a) Allocations are given below:—

(Figures in Metric Tons)

Year	Copper	Zinc	Aluminium	Lead	Tin
1960-61	2800	1800	State-wise allocations were not made	53	
1961-62	2998	2900	267	50	
1962-63					
April-Sept. '62.	1302	1053	154	26	
Oct. 62 to March '63	1264	947	206	*	40**

* No allocation was asked for.

** Tin is being allocated only from October '62—March '63 period.

(b) The Government of Uttar Pradesh had requested for increase in allocations of copper and zinc.

(c) On account of the decision to impose a cut of 30% in the allotment of copper to the utensil manufacturing industry with a view to making it available for more essential purposes and the overall reduced availability of zinc, the request of the U.P. Government could not be complied with.

Timber Shortage

1463. Shri Ram Harkh Yadav: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is acute shortage of 'fir' quality timber in the Capital;

(b) if so, its effect on the saw mill industry; and

(c) the reasons for the shortage?

The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) Government is not aware of any acute shortage of 'fir' quality timber in the Capital.

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

Iron and Steel Plant in Andhra Pradesh

1464. { Shri E. Madhusudan Rao:
Shri Eswara Reddy:

Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) the further developments in regard to setting up of an Iron and Steel Plant of medium size in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) the details of the proposal?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam):

(a) There is no proposal at present for setting up a steel plant of medium size in Andhra Pradesh. There is, however, a proposal for the setting up of a small pig iron plant.

(b) The pig iron plant will have a capacity of 100,000 tons and is expected to adopt the low shaft furnace technique. Further details are being worked out.

Small Scale Industries in Andhra Pradesh

1465. Shri E. Madhusudan Rao: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the total amount of loan granted to Andhra