Export of Guar Seeds to U.S.A.

773. Shri Surendra Pal Singh: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

- (a) whether his Ministry is aware of the fact that there is a great demand in the U.S.A. for guar seeds, which is grown quite extensively in Norther India; and
- (b) if so, whether any steps are being taken to export this commodity to that country with a view to earning some very valuable foreign exchange?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). Bearing in view the need to encourage the expansion of the existing gum industries in the country and to promote export of only finished product such as Guar Gum, for which there is greater demand in the U.S.A. and incidentally secures need foreign exchange to the country, the scope for the export of this basis raw material is very limited.

धर्य तथा प्रतिरक्षा समन्वय मंत्रालय में हिन्दी श्रमिस्टेंट

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क्या **धर्य तथा प्रतिरक्षा समन्वय मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंग कि :

- (क) क्या यह सच है कि प्रथं तथा प्रतिरक्षा समन्वय मंत्रालय में ग्रभी तक कोई हिन्दी ग्रमिस्टैंट नियुक्त नहीं किया गया है; भीर
- (ख) र्याद हां, तो भारत सरकार द्वारा स्वीकृत हिन्दी के कार्यक्रम को कार्यान्वित करने के लिए उस मंत्रालय में क्या व्यवस्था की गई है ?

ग्राधिक ग्रीर प्रतिरक्षा समन्वय मंत्री (श्री ढी० टी० कृष्णमाचारी) : (क) जी हां। (ख) यह मामला विचाराधीन है।

Antibiotic Factories

775. { Shri Subodh Hansda: Shri S. C. Samanta: Shri B. K. Das:

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

- (a) whether the proposal for setting up the antibiotic factories with Russian aid has made any headway;
- (b) if so, the progress made so far;
- (c) whether it is according to schedule?

The Minister of Industry the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) to (c). An antibiotics plant is being set up, with Soviet Assistance, at Rishikesh in Uttar Pradesh. The Project Report for the Plant has been accepted and a Contract was signed in 1962 with Mis. Technoexport, Moscow, for purchase of equipment, training of Indian Technicians in U.S.S.R., supervision and installation of plant by Soviet Experts and supply of necessary drawings etc. Civil works are in progress at the site. Shipment of machinery from U.S.S.R. has started. Action has also been initiated for procurement of items equipment to be obtained in In India. The first batch of Trainees has been recruited and will leave for U.S.S.R. soon. The plant is likely to be commissioned for production early in 1956.

Heavy Machine Building Project

776. Shri R. G. Dubey: Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the equipments of plant and machinery with regard to heavy machine building projects is complete; and
- (b) whether the stage is set for preliminary production as schedule?