

by current research to produce an instant tea which tastes like the original; it does not say that the development of instant tea will affect India's foreign exchange earnings from tea. India is also having its first instant tea factory started soon in Kerala. Two more parties have also evinced interest to set up instant tea factories in India. This will help to export also instant tea from India.

#### Reorganisation of Supply Missions Abroad

\*690. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Supply be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in reorganising the Indian Supply Missions abroad; and

(b) the stage at which the matter stands at present?

**The Deputy Minister in the Department of Supply (Shri Jaganatha Rao):**

(a) and (b). The Minister of Supply assisted by the Joint Secretary to the Department of Supply inspected the Overseas Purchase Missions in July 1963. A report was submitted by the Joint Secretary in August, 1963 suggesting a few Organisational changes in the two Overseas Purchase Missions.

The recommendations made in the report in the main relate to (a) decentralization of Inspection by the India Store Department (b) further simplification of procedure in respect of petty purchases and (c) reminding in regard to outstanding recommendations contained in the report made in 1961 by the then Secretary to the Government of India, Shri T. Sivasankar.

It has been recommended that with a view to reducing expenditure of foreign exchange and the time of technical man-power involved in travel of officers stationed in London to firms in West Germany, Belgium, Holland and East European countries including USSR, inspection Cells with minimum staff should be organised in Dusseldorf and Prague. The proposal for inspection Cell in Dusseldorf is

under consideration in consultation with the Ministry of Finance while that for a Cell in Prague has been dropped.

The recommendation relating to simplification of procedure for petty purchases has been accepted. This may, in due course, result in some readjustment of staff. Purchase powers at various levels both in the India Store Department and India Supply Mission have been revised in order to secure expedition and greater efficiency.

The implementation of a couple of the recommendations contained in the report of Shri Sivasankar has been held in abeyance for the period of the Emergency.

The Policy of transferring a considerable part of Government purchase by our Overseas Missions to New Delhi is being more vigorously implemented by arranging for the procurement of large number of items on the basis of tenders invited from India.

#### Swaminathan Committee Report

{ Shri P. C. Borooah:  
Shri Yashpal Singh:  
Shri Maniyangadan:  
Shri A. N. Vidyalkar:  
Shri Maheswar Naik:  
Shri Warrior:  
Shri Daji:  
Shri M. K. Kumaran:  
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Shrimati Savitri Nigam:  
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:  
Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:  
Shri D. D. Mantri:  
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:  
Shri S. N. Chaturvedi:  
Shri Bade:  
Shri Brij Raj Singh:

Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Swaminathan Committee have submitted their final report for the development of key industries; and