

licensed approved and steps are being taken to expedite the setting up of that capacity. Efforts are also being made to maximise production with the existing capacity.

#### Export of Oilseeds

476. { Shri Sham Lal Saraf:  
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:

Will the Minister of **International Trade** be pleased to state:

(a) whether export of oilseeds has diminished from year to year in the last decade or so and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether the prices of oilseeds in the home market are ever on the increase and if so, the reasons therefor?

**The Minister of International Trade (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) No, Sir. Exports of H.P.S. groundnut had declined in 1956 to 1958 on account of shortfall in production but recovered subsequently.

(b) The prices of H.P.S. groundnut—the oilseed which is mainly exported from the country—have increased substantially in the last decade. The increase in price is due to the production not catching up with the rising internal demand.

#### Tea Board Officials' Visit Abroad

478. **Shri Ramanathan Chettiar:** Will the Minister of **International Trade** be pleased to lay on the Table a statement showing (i) the particulars of Officers of the Tea Board who visited foreign countries during the period from 1st April, 1963 to 30th April, 1964 for promotional and other activities;

(ii) the names of the countries visited; (iii) the total expenditure incurred in each case; and (iv) the results achieved thereby?

**The Minister of International Trade (Shri Manubhai Shah):** A statement is laid on the Table of the House [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2952/64].

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479. **Shri Ramanathan Chettiar:** Will the Minister of **Supply** be pleased to state:

(a) the strength of India-based Class I officers (both technical and non-technical) employed in the (i) India Store Department, London and (ii) India Supply Mission, Washington on the 30th April, 1964;

(b) the period of their deputation abroad;

(c) the measures taken to effect economy in expenditure on officers and staff in these Missions in the light of the suggestions made by various study teams in their Reports; and

(d) the economy actually made during 1963-64 and expected to be made during 1964-65?

**The Deputy Minister in the Department of Supply (Shri Jagannatha Rao):** (a) to (d). A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2953/64].

#### Trade Transit Facilities to Nepal

480. **Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:** Will the Minister of **International Trade** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently granted facilities for trade between Nepal and Pakistan through Indian territory;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether at the time of granting such facilities Government demanded similar or reciprocal facilities for transit of trade between India and Afghanistan through Pakistan territory; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**The Minister of International Trade (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) and (b). The Treaty of Trade and Transit between His Majesty's Government of Nepal and the Government of India entered into in 1960 already provides,