

(e) whether the Development Councils have been entrusted with the task of suggesting remedies for all industrial ills?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) and (b) Important among the measures that have been taken to step up industrial production and increase exports are the following—

Devaluation of the rupee in June 1966 was expected to give impetus to exports by making our exports competitive in world markets.

2 The devaluation was followed up by measures to liberalise imports, particularly in respect of priority industries. Measures were also taken to allocate a large quantum of foreign exchange to non-priority industries and small scale industries. Others earn import entitlements as per the current Import Trade Control Policy. These entitlements vary from 5 per cent to 50 per cent of the export depending on the industries.

3 Special measures have also been taken to encourage export of the products of the small scale industries such as the 'Export-Aid Industries' scheme started under the auspices of the State Trading Corporation.

4 Some industries were exempted from the need to obtain industrial licences under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act. Diversification of production was permitted, within limit, in existing industries.

(c) Functions of the Development Councils are given in the Second Schedule to the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951. These functions are very wide and comprehensive in nature.

कोटा में शयन डिब्बों में स्थान

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श्री जॉकार सात बेरवा :

क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) राजस्थान में कोटा में पिछले छ. महीनों में दो और तीन शायिकाओं वाले शयन-डिब्बों में स्थान पाने के लिए प्रतीक्षा-सूचियों में कितने व्यक्तियों के नाम दर्ज हुए थे,

(ख) उनमें से कितने व्यक्तियों को स्थान दिया गया था,

(ग) कोटा में 22 जून, 1967 को शयन डिब्बा में कितने स्थान उपलब्ध थे, और

(घ) प्रतीक्षा सूची में दर्ज कितने व्यक्तियों को स्थान दिया गया था ?

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(ग) सोने के लिये तीन शायिकाएँ।

(घ) तीर।

Supply of Rayon Yarn to Textiles Industry

5026 Shri Chittaranjan Roy:

Shri B. K. Daschowdhury:

Shri Gan Kishan:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the spinners of the rayon yarn have stopped the supply of rayon yarn to the textile industry due to the increased excise duty,

(b) whether Government have received any representation from the textile manufacturers' association in this regard; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?