

to ban the import of Nylon Cord, the main ingredient for the manufacture of heavy truck tyres; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Production of Tyres

7228. Shri Parthasarathy: Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is at present a serious imbalance between the production of automobile tyres and rayon tyre cord; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to ban the import of rayon cord and also help in the export of rayon cord and tyres to the Middle East and the U.A.R.?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Import of rayon cord has already been discontinued. The rayon tyre yarn industry has requested Government's assistance to export rayon tyre yarn and they have been advised to send specific proposals in the matter. Tyres are already being exported to various countries including the Middle East and the U.A.R. and such exports are gradually increasing.

Tobacco Board

7229. Shri Nanja Gowder:
Shri Eswara Reddy:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to consider the formation of a Tobacco Board on the lines of the Coffee Board as suggested by the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposal?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) No formal proposal for the formation of a Tobacco Board has so far been received in the Ministry. When such a proposal is made, the same will be examined.

(b) Does not arise.

Establishment of Paper Mill in the Eastern Region

7230. Shrimati Jyotsna Chanda: Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 4118 on the 30th June, 1967 and state:

(a) whether Government propose to establish one paper mill in the public sector during the Fourth Five Year Plan in the Eastern region;

(b) if so, when it will be established; and

(c) whether any location of site has been finalised?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) to (c). Possibilities of establishing a Paper/Pulp Plant in the Eastern Region are at present being explored, but as no final decision has been taken so far, it is difficult to say where and when it will be set up.

Industrial Project in Maharashtra

7231. Shri Samavane:
Shri D. S. Patil:

Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra have requested for the sanction of the following projects:

- (i) distillation of foreign liquor at the Government distillery at Chitali in Ahmednagar District;
- (ii) the establishment of a Foundry at Wardha; and