

चादरों के आयात के लिए खनिज तथा व्यापार निगम द्वारा प्राप्त हुए आयात के कथित-मूल्यों को देखते हुए देश में उत्पादित चादरों की लागत अधिक है ।

(ख) निर्माता उत्पादन लागत में कमी करने तथा विशिष्टियों पर कड़ा नियंत्रण रख कर, शिकायतों का विश्लेषण करके तथा सुधारात्मक उपाय करके बेदाग इस्पात की चादरों की क्वालिटी में सुधार लाने के लिए सतत प्रयत्न कर रहे हैं । सरकार सेलम तथा दुर्गापुर के मिश्र इस्पात कारखानों में आधुनिक प्रौद्योगिकी के आधार पर बेदाग इस्पात की चादरों और प्लेटों के उत्पादन के लिए नए उपस्कर लगाने पर विचार कर रही है । आशा है कि इन उपस्करों के चालू हो जाने से इनकी क्वालिटी सुधरेगी और मूल्यों में कमी आयेगी ।

Adulteration in Groundnut Oil

3142. SHRI G. K. JAFFER SHARIEF : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has been brought to the notice of Government that adulteration has been found particularly in the Southern States, in groundnut oil which is a common man's cooking medium ; and

(b) if so, whether Government have investigated the matter ; and if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Concession offered to people of Indian origin to leave Sri Lanka

3143. DR. HENRY AUSTIN :
 SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA :
 SHRI K. T. KOSALRAM :
 SHRI SHANKERSINHJI VAGHELA :
 SHRI C. N. VISVANATHAN :
 SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :
 SHRI ANANT DAVE :
 SHRI ISHWAR CHAUDHURY :
 SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF :
 SHRI K. MALLANNA :
 SHRI CHITTA BASU :
 SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN :
 SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that many people of Indian origin have not so far accepted Sri Lanka's offer regarding concession to leave Sri Lanka after the attacks on them ;

(b) if so, what was the offer made ;

(c) whether the Government of India had obtained the full information about the attacks on the Indian Nationals in Sri Lanka and the losses suffered by them ;

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to help these Indian Nationals ;

(e) whether Government is satisfied with the arrangements made by the Sri Lanka Government for protection of Indians there ; and

(f) whether Government propose to send a goodwill delegation to Sri Lanka to help in promoting good relations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S. KUNDU): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. To the best of the knowledge of the Government very few persons of Indian origin eligible for repatriation to India have taken advantage of the offer made by the Government of Sri Lanka of providing free passage and payment of Rs. 500/- as *ex-gratia* compensation for the loss/damage suffered by them during the recent disturbances in that country.

(c) The Government have received information about the losses/damage suffered during recent disturbances in Sri Lanka from some persons of Indian origin, who have been registered as Indian citizens or have applied for such registration with the purpose of eventual repatriation to India.

(d) Their claims for compensation have been brought to the attention of the Sri Lanka authorities for settlement.

(e) The Government of India is informed that the Sri Lanka authorities are taking all possible steps to protect the life and property of persons of Indian origin in Sri Lanka and to prevent the recurrence of violent disturbances.

(f) The Government have always favoured exchange of visits between the two countries at various levels. However no specific proposal for sending a goodwill delegation to Sri Lanka in the immediate future is under consideration.

Mineral resources in Eastern Region

3144. SHRI A. K. ROY : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether he is aware that the rich mineral resources in the Eastern region of the country could not make appreciable impact on its economy because of exploration and exploitation of these minerals ; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government to stop the evils and develop the mineral resources directly concerned with the economy of this region ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI KARIA MUNDA) : (a) and (b). There has been continuous investigation and exploration of mineral resources by Geological Survey of India, supported and augmented by the Mineral Exploration Corporation and State Government agencies in the Eastern Region. In fact, there has been an appreciable impact on the economy of this region as a result of exploration and exploitation of the mineral resources of the region where the investigation and exploration of mineral resources has been intensified.

Reviewing of Agreements with Sri Lanka

3145. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government consider it necessary to review the implementation of Sriramo-Shastri and Sriramo-Indira Gandhi Agreements now, in view of the changes in the political situations in both the countries ; and

(b) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S. KUNDU) : (a) and (b). The implementation of the Agreements of 1964 between India and Sri Lanka on Persons of Indian Origin is under constant review at the official level. There is no proposal for the review of the Agreement itself. It may be added that the Supplementary Agreement of 1974 covering 150,000 persons of Indian origin is to be implemented only after the 1964 Agreement has been implemented.

पारपत्र और वीसा व्यवस्था समाप्त करने के बारे में रूस से विचार विमर्श

3146. श्री उपसेन : क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सोवियत रूस के साथ हाल में हुई वार्ता के दौरान दोनों देशों के आवागमन के लिए पारपत्र और वीसा समाप्त करने के मुद्दे पर भी बातचीत हुई ; और

(ख) क्या भारत-रूस आपसी सहयोग बढ़ाने के लिए सरकार का विचार सोवियत रूस को छात्रों, युवकों, अध्यापकों, श्रमिकों संघ कार्यकर्ताओं आदि का प्रतिनिधि मण्डल भेजने का है ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एस० कुण्डू) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) विद्यार्थियों, युवजनों, अध्यापकों और मजदूर संघों के कार्यकर्ताओं के प्रति-