

7. Dissemination of statistical data about the industry and material obtained from overseas offices, overseas correspondents and overseas surveys, through monthly bulletins, both in the country and abroad .
8. Attending to trade disputes.
9. Ensuring conformity with reasonable standards of quality and packing for export.

संजी का दौरा

१०८३. श्री भक्त बर्मान : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) अभी हाल में उन्होंने जो विदेश का दौरा किया था, उसमें वह किस-किस देश में गये और प्रत्येक देश में कितने-कितने दिन ठहरे ; और

(ख) उनके विदेशी दौरे में कुल कितना खर्च हुआ ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (डा० फेसकर) : (क)

देश जिनका दौरा किया जितना समय ठहरे

(१) सोवियत संघ	७ दिन
(२) पोलैंड	१ दिन
(३) पश्चिमी जर्मनी	३ दिन
(४) स्विटजरलैंड	२ दिन
(५) फ्रांस	३ दिन

थोड़े समय के लिये पूर्वी जर्मनी का भी दौरा किया गया ।

(ख) लगभग ११,५०० रुपये ।

Tea Exports

1084. Dr. J. N. Parekh: Will the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Industries be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a great demand for tea from several foreign countries;

(b) if so, the steps taken to meet the demand; and

(c) what is the impact on price-structure internally due to this heavy demand?

The Minister of Trade (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Yes.

(b) The maximum quantity available, after providing for internal requirements, will be released for export.

(c) There has been some rise in the internal auction prices since September 1956 following a rise in price in the export auctions in India and at auctions at other centres. Recent changes in the internal auction prices have not yet been reflected in the retail market to any appreciable extent.

Mails

1085. Shri H. N. Mukerjee: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state the proportion of mail carried by runners at present?

The Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): The information is not available and considerable time and effort, incommensurate with the benefit to be derived therefrom, will be involved in collecting the necessary statistics.

Public Call Office, Nimta

1086. Shri H. N. Mukerjee: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1559 on the 27th April, 1956 and state the reasons for the delay in opening a Public Call Office at Nimta, West Bengal?

The Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): The Public Call Office has since been opened on the 11th December, 1956. The work was delayed on account of shortage of cables.

West Asia Market

1087. Shri Raghunath Singh: Will the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Industries be pleased to state whether it is a fact that India is losing West Asia market due to lack of publicity and organisation?

The Minister of Trade (Shri Karmarkar): No, Sir. The level of our exports to West Asian countries has been fairly well-maintained. No declining trend is perceptible though during the period April-September, 1956 a small fall in figures has been noticed. It would be unwise to draw conclusions on the basis of fluctuations in trade during short periods.