

Tea Trade

1738. **Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the export trade of tea has made any progress after the setting up of the Tea Board; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) and (b). The Tea Board was set up on the 1st April, 1954. Since then, exports were:—

1954-55	489.6 m lbs.
1955-56	405.1 m lbs.
1956-57	513.9 m lbs.
1957-58	422.7 m lbs.

These fluctuations are the result of several factors like the international situation and the position of supply and demand in the world market over which the Board has no control. Sustained effort is however made by the Board to maintain exports of tea.

Indian Sufferers of Great War in Burma

1739. **Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 10 on the 11th November, 1957 and state the progress since made in securing payment of compensation to the Indians who had to suffer losses in Burma during the last Great War?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): There has been no progress in this matter since then.

Automatic Looms for Punjab

1740. **Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the number of automatic looms allotted to Punjab State so far; and

(b) whether these looms were allotted to the spinning mills alone or to the textile mills with weaving plants?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) Licences under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951 were issued for the installation of 463 automatic looms in the State of Punjab.

(b) These looms were allotted to two composite units.

Afghan Nationals in Bombay

1741. **Shri Pangarkar:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Afghan nationals in Marathawada region of Bombay State;

(b) how many of them have not renewed their passports;

(c) how many of them have purchased land and house property in contravention of rules;

(d) how many such persons have purchased property illegally in Jaina city district Aurangabad; and

(e) what action Government propose to take in such cases?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): We have called for the information from the Government of Bombay. It will be placed on the Table as soon as it is available.

Vegetable Oils

1742. **Shri Sadhu Ram:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) total production of edible vegetable oils during the year 1957;

(b) whether there was any export of these vegetable oils;

(c) if so, the quantity and value thereof; and

(d) the names of the countries to which exported?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) Production of edible vegetable oils viz., groundnut oil, mustard oil, ses-

sunam oil, cottonseed oil, coconut oil, kardiseed oil, nigerseed oil in 1957-58 was 15.8 lakh tons.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) 9,200 tons valued at Rs. 145 lakhs.

(d) Aden, Australia, West Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, U.K. and Netherlands.

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):

Tons

1955-56 — 236,540

1956-57 — 242,418

1957-58 — 250,518

These figures are based on the figures of indigenous production and imports, exports being negligible.

Employment Exchanges

1743. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state the number of ladies registered with the Employment Exchanges as on 31st July, 1958?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): 78,991.

Small Scale Industries in Himachal Pradesh

1744. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether any amount of loan has been given for the development of Small Scale Industries in Himachal Pradesh by the Himachal Pradesh Administration to (i) individuals and (ii) Co-operative Societies during 1958-59 so far; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) and (b). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

Consumption of Paper

1745. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state what has been the consumption of paper in India during the last three years (year-wise)?

Commissions/Committees

1746. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the names of commissions and committees which worked under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry during the period from the 1st January to the 31st July, 1958?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 116.]

Indian Trainees in U.S.A. and U.S.S.R.

1747. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Indian trainees are undergoing training at present in industrial establishments in U.S.A. and U.S.S.R.; and

(b) if so, the nature of such training and the number and names of the industrial establishments in which they are undergoing training?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

Closure of Paper Mills

1748. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the paper mills which remained closed during this year upto the 31st July, 1958?