

(c) the estimated consumption per year of these sizes of tyres for the last two years and the estimated requirements therefor in the coming five years; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to meet the shortage therefor, if any?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) to (c). Of the sizes of automobile tyres mentioned, only size 8.25 x 20 is produced in the country. Several other sizes are also produced including (i) 9.00 x 20 (ii) 10.00 x 20. These are manufactured in 10 as well as 12 ply ratings but not in higher plies.

Total annual production of automobile tyres is about 1 million Nos. Information by individual sizes is not available.

(d) The tyre manufacturers would be prepared to manufacture 14 or more ply tyres with their existing equipment provided there is sufficient demand.

Displaced Persons in Assam

2774. { Shri Halder:
Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:

Will the Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of houses of the refugees were demolished by the authorities with the help of elephants in Kamrup District, Assam;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to settle those families, particularly during this rainy season?

The Deputy Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri P. S. Naskar): (a) The Government of Assam have demolished with the help of elephants ten vacated houses of displaced persons who encroached into the Subankhata grazing reserve in Kamrup District.

(b) The State Government had to take this step as these families were persisting in not removing the encroachment in spite of sufficient notice.

(c) The evicted families are being rehabilitated by de-reserving a portion of the Malaibari grazing reserve of Kamrup District for their rehabilitation. Rs. 1,974 as gratuitous relief and a sum of Rs. 6,000 as agricultural loan have already been disbursed to these families.

Export of Iron Ore

2775. **Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity and value of iron ore exported to each country during the last three years separately; and

(b) whether plan targets have been exceeded in this regard?

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

(a) A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 87.]

(b) Yes, Sir.

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2776. **Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state on what date Portugal's case against India before International Court of Justice at The Hague is coming up for hearing?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): The Government of Portugal submitted their reply on 25th July, 1958 and we have to submit our rejoinder to it by 25th November, 1958. The date for hearing will be fixed by the Court after the submission of our reply.