

reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2755 on the 25th September, 1958 and state:

(a) whether the up-to-date information regarding the amount spent out of allotment made for the industrial development of Backward areas in the Punjab State during 1957-58 and 1958-59 has been received; and

(b) if so, the total amount spent so far?

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rs. 6,78,737.

#### Trade between India and Burma .

1081. { Shri Ram Krishan:  
Shri Shree Narayan Das:  
Sardar Iqbal Singh:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1215 on the 12th September, 1958 and state:

(a) whether the arrangements agreed upon between India and the Burmese Economic delegation to promote Trade between the two countries have since been ratified by the respective Governments; and

(b) if so, the details of these arrangements?

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

(a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A copy of the Protocol is placed on the Table. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 69.]

#### Tea export to U.S.A.

1082. Shri Ram Krishan: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1502 on the 4th September, 1958 and state the present position of the export of Indian tea to the U.S.A.?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): During January-September, 1958, export of Indian tea to the U.S.A. amounted to 17.89 million lbs. valued at Rs. 4.69 crores as compared with 16.81 million lbs. valued at Rs. 4.72 crores during the same period of last year.

#### Balance of Trade with Russia

1083. { Shri Ram Krishan:  
Shri Pangarkar:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India had an adverse trade balance with Russia in the first six months of the current year;

(b) if so, the value and nature of goods imported and exported from and to Russia since 1st January, 1958, month-wise; and

(c) the nature of steps taken or proposed to be taken to increase export and decrease import?

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This information is published in the "Monthly Statistics of the Foreign Trade of India" and supplements thereto by the Department of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Calcutta.

(c) A new Trade Agreement with the U.S.S.R. has recently been concluded with the object of achieving overall balance in trade.

#### Evacuee Houses in Punjab

1084. Shri Ram Krishan: Will the Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs be pleased to state the nature of steps taken or proposed to be taken to sell the vacant evacuee houses and plots in Punjab?