

Units, the latter shortly to be increased to 23, are at present engaged on this work in different States. Exploratory mining has also been undertaken in areas where commercially recoverable quantities of ore have been proved to exist by drilling and other methods

Private Prospectors and mine owners are also being encouraged to help in the search for atomic minerals including uranium ores, by the free loan and servicing of Geiger Muller counters, assay of samples sent by them, free technical advice in developing suitable deposits and rewards for discovery of new uranium deposits

#### Industrial Estate at Tinsukia (Assam)

1671. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any scheme to establish an Industrial Estate at Tinsukia in Assam

(b) if so, the size and cost involved and

(c) when the work is to be started?

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

(a) No scheme to establish an Industrial Estate at Tinsukia in Assam has so far been received from the State Government

(b) and (c) Do not arise

#### Coffee and Tea Boards

1672. Shri N. R. Munisamy: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state.

(a) the total amount of receipts and expenditure of the Coffee and Tea Boards during the years 1956-57 and 1957-58; and

(b) the amount of expenditure incurred for propaganda and publicity in India?

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

	(a)	Year Receipts Expenditure	
		Rs.	Rs.
Tea Board	1956-57	138 lakhs*	87 lakhs
	1957-58	139 lakhs*	100 lakhs
(b)	1956-57	22 lakhs	
	1957-58	24 lakhs	

\*Including Cash Balances

Regarding Coffee Board, the information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House

#### Silk Industry

1673. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state

(a) the nature of steps taken so far for the development of silk industry in Punjab State,

(b) the progress made in this regard

(c) whether it is a fact that some varieties of silk goods are exported, and

(d) if so, the names of foreign countries to which these are exported?

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

(a) Important steps taken by the Government of India for development of silk industry in Punjab include —

(i) grant of financial assistance towards implementation of specific schemes

(ii) distribution of improved types of Japanese mulberry grafts.

(iii) improvement of silk worm seed

(iv) improvement of raw silk reeling by starting demonstration centres

(v) deputation of an officer of the State Sericulture Department to Japan

(vi) making available the services of Japanese sericulture experts to assist the State, for drawing up suitable programme for development of Sericulture.