

No. 2464 on the 9th September, 1959 and state:

(a) whether any decision has since been taken on the representations received in regard to total ban on import of Dammer Batu (Dhupresia) falling under Part IV Serial No. 49 (a) of the Import Trade Control; and

(b) if so, the nature thereof?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the current licensing period, the item Dammer Batu has been separately specified vide S. No. 49(a)(ii)IV of the Import Trade Control Schedule and the quota reduced to 30 per cent.

#### I.F.S. Officers

1276. Shri K. U. Parmar: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of I.F.S. officers on high posts like Ambassadors, High Commissioners, etc., under the Government of India; and

(b) the total number of Scheduled Caste officers among them?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) There are 63 such officials belonging to Grades I to V of the Indian Foreign Service.

(b) Nil.

#### Indian Trainees in U.K. without Valid Passports

1277. Shri H. N. Mukerjee: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Indian trainees are at present in the U.K. without valid passports, after having "jumped ship"; and

(b) whether any steps are being taken to enable them to return home?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) The total number of Indian merchant seamen trainees, who

are reported to have "jumped ship" in the U.K. since 1955, is 329.

(b) When any such trainee applies to the Indian High Commission in London for facilities for repatriation, either on a working passage or as a passenger, the High Commission issue him an Emergency Certificate valid for return to India and assist him to obtain a working passage. Six persons were so repatriated during 1958 and 1959.

#### Tibetan Refugees

1278. Shri Manasen: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state the number of Tibetan refugees in Sikkim, Kalimpong and Darjeeling?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): 4,820 in Sikkim, 1,444 in Kalimpong, and 44 in Darjeeling, as on 15th November, 1959.

#### Raw Material for Woollen Industry

1279. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is acute shortage of raw material for the woollen industry; and

(b) if so, the nature of steps taken or proposed to be taken to overcome this shortage?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) There is some shortage of imported raw materials for the woollen industry due to foreign exchange stringency.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 10.]

#### वस्तु-विक्रिता की कुतियाँ

१२८०. श्री कुशवन्त राय: क्या वाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्रा यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) भारत में वस्तु-विक्रिता की कुतियाँ बनाने वाली कम्पनियों के नाम क्या हैं;