Export of Ginger

1718. Shri Kamal Singh: Shri Ignace Beck:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the reasons for the fall in the export of ginger to foreign countries especially to U.K., Aden, Saudi Arabia and Australia during the year 1958?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra): The fall in the export of Ginger to foreign countries especially to the U.K., Aden, Saudi Arabia and Australia during the year 1958 is attributed mainly to the following causes:—

- (i) Large accumulated stocks with the importers abroad;
- (ii) Decrease in demand due to the shift in consumers' preference for orange squashes and other soft drinks;
- (iii) Quality of Indian Ginger which is fibrous as compared to the products of Jamaica and Sierra Leone (our competitors in the field); and
- (iv) Foreign exchange difficulties in the case of Saudi Arabia.

Vocational Guidance to Girl Students

1719. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to provide vocational guidance to girl students at colleges; and
- (b) if so, at what stage the proposal is?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Export of Manganese Ore

1720. Shri Vidya Charan Shukla: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1488 on the 5th March, 1958 and state:

- (a) how much quantity of manganese ore out of the quantity exported during January-November, 1958 was exported by private exporters against their own export quota;
- (b) how much quantity was exported by the State Trading Corporation directly:
- (c) how much quantity was exported in the form of private exporters canalising their sales through State Trading Corporation; and
- (d) how much quantity was exportby such exporters who have never made any exports before that?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra):
(a) The revised figure of total exports of manganese ore during January-November, 1958 was 8,68,728 tons. Out of this 4,89,090 tons was exported by private exporters

- (b) 3,36,889 tons.
- (c) 42,749 tons.
- (d) Nil.

Creche at Ledha Hill

1721. Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is no creche constructed by Indian Iron and Steel Company at Ledha Hill, Gua; and
- (b) what steps have been taken for contravention of the Mine Rules, 1946?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) The Manoharpur Iron ore mine, of which Ledha Hill forms a part, has three separate creches situated at Manoharpur loading station, Bottom camp and Ajita Hill. There is no separate creche at Ledha Hill.

(b) The Rules have not been contravened, as they require the owner