

के चाय उद्योग को मजबूत, प्राधार पर स्थापित करने के लिए पहली जरूरी आवश्यकता इस बात की है कि बहुसंख्यक लघु उत्पादकों के बागानों में चाय उत्पादन के तरीकों में सुधार हो। उन्होंने लघु उत्पादकों के लिए सलाहकार सेवा चालू करने की सिफारिश की है। उनकी सिफारिश के प्राधार पर भारत सरकार ने हाल ही में, कागड़ा और मच्छी के लिए, चाय बोर्ड में एक क्षेत्रीय सलाहकार भ्रफसर की नियुक्ति की मन्जूरी दे दी है जो इन क्षेत्रों के छोटे छोटे चाय उत्पादकों को चाय उत्पादन के सुधरे हुए तथा प्राधुनिक तरीके अपनाने के बारे में सलाह देगा। प्राणा है कि यह प्राधिकारी शीघ्र ही अपना काम संचाल लेगा।

Newsprint for Newspapers in Jammu and Kashmir

240. Shri Inder J. Malhotra: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the newspapers published in the State of Jammu and Kashmir are being allowed to import newsprint;

(b) if so, the quantities allowed to be imported during 1959-60 so far; and

(c) the total foreign exchange allowed to these newspapers?

The Minister of Indusry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 65.28 tons.

(c) Foreign exchange worth Rs. 32,663 was allowed during the year 1959-60. Besides, Newsprint worth Rs. 25,989 was imported from rupee account countries which did not involve foreign exchange.

Central Aid to Rajasthan

241. Shri Karni Singhji: Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) the Central assistance given to the State of Rajasthan during the

third and fourth year of the Second Five Year Plan;

(b) whether there was any shortfall in the plan expenditure of the State Government during the year 1958-59; and

(c) if so, to what extent?

The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra): (a) Only provisional payment sanctions of Central assistance were made for 1958-59 to the State of Rajasthan and the material for estimating provisional payments for 1959-60 has not been received so far.

(b) and (c). According to the information furnished by the State Government the shortfall was Rs. 0.94 crores i.e. 4.5 per cent of the approved outlay.

Small Scale Handloom Industries in Rajasthan

242. Shri Karni Singhji: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Small Scale Handloom Industries already existing and newly started in Rajasthan (District-wise) on co-operative basis during 1957-58 and 1958-59; and

(b) the total amount of loan sanctioned for the development of Small Scale Handloom Industries in Rajasthan during the above period?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

CORRECTION OF REPLY TO UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 218

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): In reply to Unstarred Question No. 218, answered in the Lok Sabha on the 19th November, 1959, regarding the number of handloom co-operative societies started in Punjab, I stated that 53 co-operative societies were started in 1958-59. The State Government have now inti-