

Bamboo Prototype Training-cum-Production Centre, Panihati

43. { Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:
Shri Indrajit Gupta:

Will the Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 626 on the 22nd August, 1960 and state:

(a) whether Government have decided to hand over the Bamboo Prototype Training-cum-Production Centre at Panihati, West Bengal to the State Government; and

(b) if not, why not?

The Deputy Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri P. S. Naskar): (a) and (b). The question of transfer of the Production Centre at Kamarhati to the West Bengal Government is under negotiation with the State Government. The final decision is likely to be taken shortly.

Coirolite

44. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 939 on the 18th August, 1960 and state the nature of progress made so far in completion of investigation for the industrial and commercial use of substance known as 'Coirolite'?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): An officer of the Central Coir Research Institute who was deputed to carry out experiments in collaboration with one of the plastic manufacturers at Bombay with a view to determining the cost factors involved in the process, has recently completed this work. A technical bulletin on the findings of the laboratory experiments is being published.

Export Houses

45. { Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri Pangarkar:
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 31 on the 1st August, 1960 and state the nature of progress made so far to set up export houses to boost export of goods, manufactured in India?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra): It has been decided to recognise a limited number of Export Houses. Government have laid down certain conditions for recognition and the facilities which would be available to recognized Houses. Proposals received for recognition are now being examined.

Smuggling from Goa

46. Shri Jaganatha Rao: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether any measures have been taken by Government of India against smuggling from Goa; and

(b) if so, the nature of such measures?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) and (b). Government have under continuous consideration the necessity for adequate measures to prevent smuggling from Goa and elsewhere into India. Such administrative and other changes as are necessary are given effect to. In the nature of things it would not be desirable to detail the measures taken.

Plywood Products

47. Shri Achar: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a delegation was sent to Ceylon to find out whether there is scope for exporting

to that country plywood products, specially Indian tea chests;

(b) whether the delegation have submitted their report to Government and if so, the main suggestions made by the delegation; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take on these suggestions?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) to (c). No such delegation was sent by Government. A non-official delegation, sponsored by the South Indian Plywood Manufacturers' Association, Calicut, toured Ceylon for 10 days in September 1960 with a view to exploring possibilities of exporting Plywood Products to that country. The Association has promised to send a report containing delegation's impressions of the tour, which is awaited.

Salicyl Anilide

48. Shri P. K. Deo: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sriram Institute for Industrial Research in Delhi has developed a new process for the manufacture of Salicyl anilide for use in textiles, leather, paper and other industries;

(b) if so, the details of this new process; and

(c) whether the know-how has been passed on to other industries and whether they have taken up its production by the new process?

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

(b) The new method (of manufacturing Salicyl anilide) developed at Sriram Institute for Industrial Research, consists in condensing salicylic acid with aniline in the presence of a catalyst and condensing agent; the condensation is completed within about two hours without formation or evolution of any corrosive product

and without using any organic solvent. The use of glass lined equipment and distillation unit required in the conventional process can be dispensed with.

(c) The question of entrusting the commercial development to the interested parties is under consideration.

Rubber Production

49. Shri Assar: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a meeting of Rubber Board at Bangalore in the last week of August, 1960;

(b) if so, whether any decisions were taken by the Board to increase production of rubber in our country;

(c) if so, what are the schemes and recommendations made;

(d) whether any progress has been made on the Rubber Research Institute; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

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

(b) and (c). No Scheme for increasing the production of rubber was drawn up or recommended by the Rubber Board in this meeting.

(d) and (e). The building to house the Rubber Research Institute is nearing completion.

Employment of Educated Persons

**50. { Shri Daljit Singh:
Shri D. C. Sharma:**

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state the number of persons employed from amongst the registered unemployed graduates and intermediates in Punjab during June-September, 1960?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): Information for the period July-September, 1960 is given