

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