

refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1012 on the 18th August, 1960 and state:

(a) whether the one lakh of rupees sanctioned for distribution among the flood distress refugee families of Bhusandpur Colony in Orissa has been distributed to the 267 families by now;

(b) if not, what amount has been distributed so far; and

(c) when the rest of the undistributed money is going to be distributed among the distressed families?

The Deputy Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri P. S. Naskar): (a) to (d). A sum of Rs. 68,653 has already been distributed to the affected families and the remaining amount is expected to be distributed by the 31st March, 1960.

Increase in Excise Duty on Tea

2211. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Assam have approached the Government of India with a request to increase the excise duty on tea in order to compensate for the loss of revenue which Assam will suffer as a result of the Supreme Court's verdict invalidating the carriage tax on tea; and

(b) if so, what action does the Central Government propose to take?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Indian Tea Imported by West Germany

2212. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of Indian tea imported by West Germany in 1957, 1958, 1959 and in 1960 so far;

(b) the total cost involved in propaganda and in the maintenance of the Tea Council in that country during the above period, year-wise; and

(c) the cost incurred on putting up India's stall at the Housewives' Fair held recently at Hanover?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra): (a)

(a)	Year	Quantity (in million lbs)
	1957	5.72
	1958	6.08
	1959	5.88

As regards 1960, while a total quantity of 9.08 million lbs. of all teas were imported into West Germany during the period January—August 1960, the shares of the various producing countries are not yet available. During January—September, 1960, exports from India to West Germany were 2.50 million lbs.

(b).

Year (April-March)	India's contribution to the West German Tea Propaganda Corporation	Expenditure incurred by the Tea Board on other promotional activities in West Germany
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	(In Rs.)	(In Rs.)
1956-57	3,384	4,354
1957-58	3,50,460	1,898
1958-59	3,50,439	1,289
1959-60	3,50,040	1,258

Uptodate figures for 1960-61 are not readily available.

(c) Participation was arranged by the West German Tea Propaganda Corporation. Neither the Government of India nor the Tea Board participated in the exhibition.