

were higher by 2.26 million lbs. over those of 1959. There is no firm trend to show that exports of tea from South India are declining.

Export of Indian Tea to U.K.

2502. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether tea imports into the U.K. from India during 1960 have shown a decline, if so how does it compare with that during 1959; and

(b) what are the reasons for the decline?

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

(a) Imports of Indian tea into the U.K. during the year 1960 amounted to 259.36 million lbs. compared to 284.16 million lbs. during 1959, thereby showing a decline of 24.30 million lbs.

(b) Lesser availability of Indian teas due to decline in production caused by drought conditions in North East India during the early months of the year was the primary reason for the decline in imports.

Settlement of Tibetan Refugees in Ladakh

2503. Shrimati Maimoona Sultan: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised a scheme to settle about 1,000 Tibetan refugees in Ladakh; and

(b) if so, what are the outlines of the scheme?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) and (b). It is proposed to settle on land in Ladakh about 700 Tibetan refugees who were working on Leh-Kargil road till November 1960. The area where they are to be settled has still to be surveyed and a proper scheme formulated.

Praga Tools Corporation Ltd.

2504. Shrimati Maimoona Sultan: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Praga Tools Corporation Ltd., is proposed to be shifted from Secunderabad to Maulali in Hyderabad;

(b) if so, what is the cost involved; and

(c) what progress has been made in that direction so far?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) to (c). Under the expansion programme, Praga Tools Corporation propose to set up a new factory with facilities also for developing ancillary industries to feed the main factory with components. To build the new factory premises land near Moulali Railway Station is under acquisition. The total cost of expansion programme is estimated at Rs. 123 lakhs. With the approval of Government, the Praga Tools Corporation Ltd., have entered into technical collaboration with three U.K. firms for undertaking manufacture of new items like lathe chucks, drill chucks, tool and cutter grinders etc. A portion of machinery required has been ordered. An agreement has also been entered into for technical collaboration with Poland in the new factory by utilising credit to the extent of Rs. 1 crore available under the Indo-Polish Economic Agreement signed in May, 1960.

Exhibition of Indian Goods in Kuala Lumpur and Singapore

2505. Shrimati Maimoona Sultan: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India have decided to hold exhibitions of Indian goods at Kuala Lumpur and Singapore;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) whether it is aimed to popularise Indian goods there?