

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Kanungo):** (a) Jammu and Kashmir Governmet's proposal for the establishmet of a cotton textile mill has been accepted in principle.

(b) Final details of the proposal have not yet been received.

#### Coffee Crop

123 { **Shri Arjun Singh Bhadauria:**  
**Maharajkumar Vijaya**  
**Ananda:**

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a record coffee crop this year; and

(b) if so, the details of the same?

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

(b) Against actual receipts of 49,506 Metric tonnes of coffee consisting of 25,379 tonnes Plantation, 6,748 tonnes Arabica Cherry and 17,379 tonnes Robusta received during the year ending June, 1960, a quantity of 66,648 tonnes of Coffee, consisting of 28,894 tonnes of Plantation, 10,036 tonnes of Arabica Cherry and 27,718 tonnes of Robusta have been received into the pool upto the end of June, 1961.

#### Tea Association of India

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

(a) whether the Tea Association of India at its fifth annual general meeting held in June, 1961 at Calcutta pointed to the inadequacy of transport facilities available to tea industry, and the inadequacy of publicity for Indian tea abroad and also suggested a thorough investigation into the irrigational facilities for tea gardens and relaxation of tax burden to the tea industry; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

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

(b) (1) *Transport facilities:* The Presidentail address itself expressed satisfaction at the fact that large amounts have been set apart by the Assam and West Bengal Governments for improvements of road communications during the Third Plan Period. Nevertheless, the Board has drawn the attention of the authorities concerned to these matters.

While the Board has not received any major complaint about the difficulties in the despatch of teas to Calcutta from West Bengal or Assam the Railways have introduced a system of guaranteed delivery of tea traffic from Siliguri District to seal-dah, Chitpur, Howrah and Calcutta port area within 8 to 10 days of booking. This scheme has mostly proved to be very popular with the planters in general. Apart from this scheme, the North-East Frontier Railway authorities have this year issued orders to their officers at Katihar, and Alipurduhar Junction to make available wagons for loading teas within two days from the date of registration.

More than 80% of the teas produced in Assam are sent by steamer. The special tea services of Steamer Companies—for which no additional charges are made—deliver consignments at Calcutta within 8 days of booking at distant places like Niamati, Jorhat etc.

As regards increase in freight, the Steamer Companies have at the instance of the Central Government agreed not to increase the freight by more than 5%.

(2) *Publicity for Indian tea abroad:* The following measures have been taken by the Tea Board.

(i) Participation in the Exhibitions sponsored by the Government of India;

(ii) On suitable occasions pure Indian blends have been presented to those likely to influence the consumption of Indian tea;

- (iii) Presentation of Indian tea through Offices of Air-India International.
- (iv) Supply of free tea to industrial canteens in Switzerland to serve tea to their workers;
- (v) Steps to appoint its Officer on the Continent to look after the interests of Indian tea in Europe are being taken;
- (vi) Tea Advisers have been appointed in the U.K., Australia, U.S.A., and Egypt; and
- (vii) A Tea Centre has already been opened in Cairo. All the activities in this sphere is surveyed by the Board's Export Promotion Committee assisted by Regional Panels which include members from the tea trade also, who give expert advice.

(3) *Irrigation facilities:* Under its Hire/Purchase Tea Machinery Scheme, the Board has been accepting applications from tea gardens for the purchase of sprinkler irrigation equipment. The Board has also been giving all assistance to tea gardens for the importation of irrigation equipment.

The Board is also approaching the State Governments concerned to embark upon a comprehensive survey of the problem of irrigation.

(4) *Taxation in tea industry.* The tax structure of the tea industry is constantly under review.

**Minsar village under Chinese occupation**

125. { Shri Agadi:  
 { Shri Sugandhi:  
 { Shri Wodeyar:

Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1936 on the 5th May, 1961 and state:

(a) whether any fresh documents have been received from Dr. Ram

Manohar Lohia regarding Minsar village now under the occupation of the Chinese;

(b) if so, the details of those documents;

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in the negative, whether any attempts have been made to secure the said documents; and

(d) if so, with what results?

**The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). It is not clear what specific documents are being referred to. Government are not aware that any additional documentary evidence on Minsar village is in the possession of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia. It may be recalled that conclusive documentary evidence has been produced on Minsar at the officials' talks (vide Officials' Report). If any further evidence is available Government would be glad to receive and study it.

**Calcutta Broadcast**

126. { Shri P. G. Deb:  
 { Shri Arjun Singh Bhadauria:

Will the **Minister of Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Calcutta broadcast of All India Radio is not clear in New Delhi; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

**The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar):** (a) and (b). There is no Station of AIR, including Bombay, Calcutta and Madras, which is strong enough to be heard throughout the country, excepting Delhi. Delhi, being the centre for External Services broadcasts, has got high power transmitters which can go throughout the country, beyond 1,000 miles; or so.

It is practically impossible to make Calcutta or other similar zonal Stations