

Bagh, Golf Links, and Defence Colony prohibit transfer of plots to others; and

(b) if so, whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that a large number of plots have been transferred in these colonies?

The Deputy Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri Anil K. Chanda): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Plots can be transferred from one party to another with the prior sanction of the Lessor i.e., Government.

Tea Export to Chile

1049. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Embassy in Chile has urged that tea exporters from India and the Indian Tea Board must allot a certain amount of funds for their respective agents in that country exclusively for commercial publicity, in their joint effort for boosting tea exports to that country; and

(b) if so, the action taken in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Chile is a market for cheaper teas and scope for any special efforts for publicising Indian teas in that country is limited. No specific amount has been set apart for this purpose.

Production of Tea

1050. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether tea production in India this year is estimated to be higher than the previous year's production;

(b) if so, what is the estimated production this year;

(c) how much of it is estimated to be exported;

(d) whether for realising the export estimates referred to in part (c) above Government have been considering abolition of duty on tea exports; and

(e) if so, what is the decision there-of?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) and (b). Tea production in India upto September, 1961 is estimated at 550.6 m. lbs. as compared with 487.3 m. lbs. of the corresponding period in the last year. Based on the present trend of production, total production during 1961 may reach 760.0 m. lbs. as against 706.4 m. lbs. in 1960.

(c) Judging from the present trend of exports, it is expected that the total exports during 1961 will be about 475.0 m. lbs.

(d) and (e). The tax structure of tea industry is reviewed from time to time and public announcements made whenever necessary.

Seminar on Code of Discipline

1051. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether a seminar on the Code of Discipline in Industry was organised by the employers' association in September, 1961;

(b) if so, what main observations and recommendations were made at the Seminar; and

(c) what decisions if any, Government have taken to modify the code, in the light of these recommendations?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) Yes, jointly by All India Organisation of Industrial Employers and Employers' Federation of India.

(b) (1) Speedy verification of membership of the unions for purposes of