

cases where superior finish or long durability is desired. There is no objection to the use of Dulmeria Sand Stone in new buildings at Delhi if it conforms to the C.P.W.D's. specifications and is available at competitive rates.

Jute Committee

361. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to set-up a Jute Committee to increase competitive capacity abroad is under consideration; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) and (b). A Committee consisting of representatives of the Planning Commission, the Ministries of Finance, Food and Agriculture and Commerce and Industry has been set up to consider the steps necessary to increase production and other measures such as modernization, diversification of production, adequacy of raw material supplies, price stability and other connected issues so that the Jute industry can achieve the Third Plan target of exports.

Industrial Team from Nepal

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

(a) whether it is a fact that an industrial team from Nepal visited the country towards the end of 1961;

(b) if so, what matters were discussed with the team; and

(c) with what result?

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

(b) and (c). Nepal's requirements of certain commodities from India were discussed, and it was agreed to increase allocations to Nepal of larger quantities of iron and steel and cement. It was also decided to allow

the pressing of Nepalese jute by mills in Calcutta in bond, prior to export.

Manufacture of Aluminium

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

(a) whether it is a fact that an Anglo-U.S. team representing the British Aluminium Co. Ltd., London and the Kaiser Aluminium and Chemical Corporation of Oakland, California has evolved a new process which promises to revolutionise the economics of the manufacture of Aluminium;

(b) if so, whether a study has been made into the new process by the Government of India;

(c) if so, with what result; and

(d) what steps are being taken to adopt the new technique in the country?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) There have been some newspaper reports about some development of a new process for manufacture of aluminium.

(b) to (d). No details are available.

बिजनौर, उत्तर प्रदेश में पूर्वी बंगाल के शरणार्थी

३६४. श्री प्रकाशबीर शास्त्री : क्या पुनर्वास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उत्तर प्रदेश के बिजनौर जिले में पूर्वी बंगाल से आये हुए कुछ विस्थापित परिवार बसाये गये हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनकी संख्या कितनी है ;

(ग) इनके निर्वाह आदि के लिये क्या सरकार ने कोई विशेष व्यवस्था की है ;