

Decline in Export of Tea to Australia

1709. SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPAN : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether India's tea export to Australia had fallen sharply during 1970 ; and

(b) if so, by how much and the reasons for this fall ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) There has been a small decline in export of tea from India to Australia in 1970.

(b) The export of tea to Australia in 1970 declined by about five percent from 3.9 m.kg. in 1969 to 3.7 m.kg. in 1970. The decline was due to usual fluctuations in International trade.

Exprt of Inferior Quality Goods

1710. SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPAN : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to say :

(a) whether we are exporting goods with inferior quality, as the producers are scuttling the quality control ; and

(b) if so, the steps Government intend to take to ensure standard quality for goods exported ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Adequate steps to ensure export of quality goods have been undertaken by the Government through a comprehensive programme of quality control and pre shipment inspection of major commodities prior to their exports, under the Export (quality Control and Inspection) Act, 1963.

Another change to Officers of Central and State Governments to Compete in I.A.S. Examination

1711. SHRI K. M. MADHUKAR Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Administrative Reforms Commission recommended for giving one chance of competing at the regular I.A.S. Examination to the Officers of the State Civil Services who have completed six years of service and are below 35 years of age, even though they have already availed themselves of two chances at the regular I.A.S. Examination ; and

(b) whether Government propose to give one chance of competing at the regular I.A.S. Examination to all talented persons employed in Government Services (Central and State), Universities and elsewhere who have completed one year or two years of service and are below 35 years of age ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b). The Administrative Reforms Commission in its Report on Personnel Administration has recommended that everyone who has completed six years of service in Government and is less than 35 years of age may be given one and only one chance to sit for the open competitive examination for Class I non-technical services, irrespective of the chances already taken, provided that he fulfills conditions relating to educational qualifications. The scope of this recommendation is limited to those who are already in Government Service either at the Centre or in the States. This recommendation is under the consideration of the Government.

Changes in composition of Board of Directors of Cotton Corporation

1712 SHRI DHARAMRAO AFZALPURKAR : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to make certain changes in the composition of the Board of Directors of the Cotton Corporation of India ; and

(b) if so, the terms of services and facilities extended to them along with the Chairman and other Managing Directors?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Automatic Dialling System in Mysore

1713. SHRI DHARAMRAO AFZALPURKAR : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of towns which are under active consideration for automatic dialling system in the State of Mysore; and

(b) the time by when the decision is likely to be taken ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA) : (a) and (b) 56 manual telephone exchanges were working in the State of Mysore as on 31.3.71. Out of these exchanges it is proposed to convert the following exchanges to automatic local dialling during fourth plan period.

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Name of exchange</i>	<i>Capacity in lines</i>	<i>Likely year of automatisaton</i>
1.	Bagalkot	400	1973
2.	Belgaum	3300	1974
4.	Haveri	300	1974
4.	Karwar	300	1974
5.	Sirsi	300	1974

Interrupted Programmes over All India Radio, Mysore

1714. SHRI DHARAMRAO AFZALPURKAR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether broadcasts from the Mysore All India Radio Station is interrupted

during its operation because of failure of electricity or mechanical troubles ;

(b) if so, whether in course of programme it is also disrupted due to interventions of programmes of other Stations ; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this matter ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA) : (a) to (c). The All India Radio centre at Mysore is only a studio with recording facilities. Programmes which are recorded there are broadcast from Bangalore station and are not broadcast directly from Mysore. The question of interruption of broadcasts from Mysore station does not, therefore, arise.

Yuvabani Programme over All India Radio, Calcutta

1715. SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Yuvabani Programme of All India Radio broadcast from Calcutta Station, has become a regular programme of a particular society or club ;

(b) whether the youth belonging to other groups or clubs and having talents are denied chance for broadcasting over the Yuvabani programme ; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in the matter ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA) : (a) and (b). No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Wastage of Broadcasting Time Due to Long Silence Between Programmes Broadcast over A. I. R.

1716. SHRI T. S. LAKSHMANAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND