

of the fact that one of our most important customers viz. Japan has not purchased this item from India during the last year. From 1960 to 1969 Japan has been purchasing salt from us at the rate of about 3 lakh tonnes per year. However during the last year Japan purchased most of her salt requirements from other countries.

(c) Government are taking remedial measures. The STC which is the canalised agency for the export of salt have approached Japanese buyers and are trying to persuade them to import at least a part of their requirements of salt from India. The STC have also penetrated other markets and salt is now being exported by them to Singapore, South Korea and other countries. Vigorous efforts are also being made to improve the loading rate for salt at selected ports in India.

#### Deaths by Police Firing in West Bengal

342. SHRI ROBIN SEN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS (GRIH MANTRI) be pleased to state the total number of deaths by Police firing in West Bengal District-wise during the last term of the President's rule ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (GRIH MANTRALAYA MEN RAJYA MANTRI) (SHRI K. C. PANT) : Information is being obtained from State Government.

#### Supply of Second Super Power Transmitter by U.S.S.R.

343. SHRI R. KADANAPALLI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SOOCHNA AUR PRASARAN MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether the second Super-Power Transmitter has since been received from the U.S.S.R. ;

(b) the place where it is to be installed ;

(c) the time by which it is likely to start functioning ; and

(d) the approximate value thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SOOCHANA AUR PRASARAN MANTRALAYA MEN UP-

MANTRI) (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA):  
(a) Yes, Sir. It has been received from Yugoslavia.

(b) Rajkot.

(c) By June-July, 1971.

(d) Rs. 227 lakhs.

#### Industrial Pact With U.S.S.R.

344. SHRI M. M. JOSEPH :  
SHRI JHARKHANDE RAI :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE (VIDESH VYAPAR MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether any industrial pact was signed between India and the U.S.S.R in the month of April, 1971 ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (VIDESH VYAPAR MANTRALAYA MEN UP-MANTRI) (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) :  
(a) and (b) No industrial pact as such was signed between India and the U.S.S.R. in April, 1971. The U.S.S.R. delegation which visited India in March/April this year, however, held discussions on trade and industrial cooperation between India and U.S.S.R. including the possibilities of supplies of additional quantities of consumer goods from India to U.S.S.R., and the supply of raw cotton on their own account by U.S.S.R to India for conversion into cotton textile for the use of the consumers in U.S.S.R. No specific trade contracts have yet been signed.

#### Trade With Socialist Countries

345. SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI :  
Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE (VIDESH VYAPAR MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formulated or propose to formulate a scheme for increasing trade with the Socialist countries ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the estimated profit to accrue to India there from ; and

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor ?