

Import of processed Cashew Nuts

6202. SHRI M. K. KRISHNAN : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of processed cashew nuts imported during 1969-70 and 1970-71 ; and

(b) Kerala's share in the import during that period ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) Nil.

(b) Does not arise.

Appointment of new study team regarding Coir Industry of Kerala

6203. SHRI M. K. KRISHNAN : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to appoint a new Study Team to go into the problems relating Coir Industry in Kerala ;

(b) if so, the particulars thereof ;

(c) the total number of Study Teams appointed so far by Government to study the problems regarding Coir Industry ;

(d) whether any steps have been taken by Government on the basis of the reports submitted by these Study Teams for revitalising Coir Industry ; and

(e) if so, the main features thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) It is only recently that a study team appointed by planning commission enquired into the problem of Coir Industry and no new team is proposed.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e). The Study Teams appointed by the Government to study the problems of the Coir Industry are, (i) the Coir Advisory Committee, (ii) the Working Group on Coir, and (iii) the Planning Commissions Study

Group on Coir Industry. Their reports were received during 1955, 1964 and 1970 respectively. The Government have taken into consideration these reports while formulating their policies on the development of the Coir Industry.

Setting up of medium Wave Transmitter at Rewa

6204. SHRI RANABHADUR SINGH : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the time by which the Medium Wave transmitter at Rewa would go into operation ;

(b) the difficulties in its way of being set up ; and

(c) the effective range of this transmitter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI NANDINI SATPATHY) : (a) By 1973-74:

(b) No difficulty is experienced at present.

(c) It will serve Rewa and Satna districts and parts of Panna, Sahadol and Sidhi districts.

Telephone and Telegraph Facilities in Rural Areas

6205. SHRI RANABHADUR SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) Government's plan to provide the telephone and telegraph facilities to rural regions that have recently started to draw an increased traffic of grain and other trade ; and

(b) the names of the Mandis of Sidhi and Rewa Districts of Madhya Pradesh that Government propose to equip with these facilities ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA) : (a) Telephone and Telegraph facilities are normally provided if the scheme is remunerative. But in order to extend telephone

and telegraph facilities to undeveloped areas which cover rural areas as well, a policy has been evolved according to which, these facilities can be provided even on loss basis at certain categories of stations based on their administrative importance, population and remoteness from the general telecommunication net work. A limited number of pilgrim centres, tourists centres, Agriculture and Irrigation project sites and townships are also considered for provision of these facilities on loss basis.

In case the place does not fall in any of the categories mentioned above and the proposal for opening Public Call Office or Combined Office involves loss, the Telephone/Telegraph facility can be extended provided some party is willing to indemnify the Department against loss.

(b) It is proposed to provide telegraph facility at Semaria, Chak and Garh in Rewa District and at Samaria in Sidhi District. At present there is no proposal under consideration for provision of new telephone facility at any place in Sidhi and Rewa Districts.

B. S. F. Men killed by Pak Army

6206. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE :
SHRI K. M. MADHUKAR :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the personnel of the Border Security Force have been killed by the Pakistan Army recently in the Eastern section ;

(b) whether any retaliatory measures have been taken by Government ; and

(c) if so, with what results ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Since 25th March, 1971, 17 personnel of the Border Security Force have been killed as a result of attacks/firings by Pakistani Army on Indian territory adjoining Indo-East Bengal border.

(b) and (c). The border security force is fully prepared to secure the integrity of our

borders ; any violation of our borders by the Pakistani forces including intrusion, shelling etc. has been, and will be, promptly and effectively replied to. Our forces have clear instructions to throw back any intruding elements of the Pakistani Army and to reply effectively to any shelling or firing from across the border.

1971 Commemorative Stamps

6207. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of commemorative stamps likely to be taken out during 1971 ;

(b) the names of those persons ;

(c) whether request has been made by some organisations for some more names ;

(d) if so, which are those names ; and

(e) Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA) : (a) 26. Out of this 10 relate to personalities.

(b) Sant Ravidas

Deenabandhu C. F.
Andrews

Acharya Narendra Deo

Ramana Maharsni

Raja Ravi Varma

Dadasaheb Phalke

Abanindranath Tagore

Swami Virjanand

Dr. C. V. Raman

Sakharam Ganesh Deuskar

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(c) Yes.

(d) Names of persons in whose honour stamps had been proposed to be issued are given in the statement attached.