

(b) Government of West Bengal have set up a High Power Committee to undertake a continuous review of this problem. Consumption of electric power is also being regulated during peak hour. This should ensure steadier and equitable distribution of power.

(c) No assistance is being given by Government in this behalf.

Decline in Export of Pepper

362. SHRI P. A. SAMINATHAN : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for the fall in the export of pepper from 19,800 tonnes in 1969-70 to about 17,000 tonnes in 1970-71; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to remove the handicaps in the export of pepper ?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) In 1969-70, Indonesian crop was very low and the attractive prices and good demand resulted in higher exports than 1970-71, when the country's production dropped and with a lower carry over stocks and increased domestic demand, the exportable surplus was less.

(b) Agriculture Ministry is taking steps to increase the production.

Shipment of PL-480 Cotton

363. SHRI R. P. ULAGANAMBI : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the assurance given by the American Trade Delegation, which recently visited India, regarding the shipment of the balance quantity of P. L.-480 cotton is being implemented by the U. S. authorities; and

(b) whether the U.S.A. has agreed to India's contention of not accepting the res-

ponsibility for payment of carrying charges for the balance quantity of PL-480 cotton ?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The delegation has agreed to advise the members of the Shippers Association not to press claims about payment of carrying charges.

Revision of Export Policy for Raw Cotton

364. SHRI R. P. ULAGANAMBI : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for revising the export policy for raw cotton;

(b) whether this revision is likely to affect the export of raw cotton; and

(c) the main features of the revised export policy for raw cotton ?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) to (c). During the current year, export of raw cotton, mainly Bengal Deshi has been allowed to the extent of two lakh bales. This ceiling represents the average annual exports from India during the past five-six years.

The introduction of quantitative ceiling does not materially affect the export trend but provides for adequate quantity for exports leaving balance for possible greater consumption of these varieties of cotton in the country.

Import Licences for Leather Industry

365. SHRI R. P. ULAGANAMBI : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of pending licences for the import of machinery for the leather industry;

(b) the number of applications for licences from Tamil Nadu and the number pending with the Government;

(c) the nature of levies that stand in the way of augmenting leather exports; and

(d) whether the delay in the grant of licences for machinery stood in the way of exports ?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) 28.

(b) The number of applications from Tamil Nadu pending is eleven.

(c) Nil.

(d) No, Sir.

**Exploring of Libyan Markets
for Indian Woollens**

366. SHRI R. P. ULAGANAMBI : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) the steps taken by Government to diversify the pattern of woollen export to Libya; and

(b) whether the Libyan market for Indian woollen blankets and suitings has been explored ?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) and (b). Market surveys on Libya covering woollen exports including fabrics, hosiery and blankets were made in 1966 by the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade and in 1969 by the National Council of Applied Economic Research. In addition, in 1969 a delegation from the Wool & Woollens Export Promotion Council visited Libya. Hosiery has been a major item of export to Libya and total exports of woollen hosiery to Libya during 1969-70 and 1970-71 have been of the order of Rs. 48.49 lacs and Rs. 61.55 lacs respectively. Fabrics have a very small market in Libya due to tailoring difficulties and Blankets face severe competition from

the East European countries but nevertheless efforts are being made to promote our exports.

**Report of Indian Coffee Market
Survey Delegation**

367. SHRI R. P. ULAGANAMBI : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Coffee Market Survey delegation which visited some European countries has submitted its study tour report;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for increasing direct exports of coffee in the light of the recommendations of the Delegations ?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

**भारत और जापान के बीच व्यापार
की नई संभावनाएँ**

368. श्री कमल मिश्र मधुकर : क्या विदेश व्यापार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) संयुक्त राज्य अमरीका की एक-पक्षीय कार्यवाहियों के कारण उत्पन्न डालर संकट के परिणामस्वरूप अमरीका और जापान के बीच तनावों के कारण भारत और जापान के बीच व्यापार की नई संभावनाएँ उत्पन्न हो गई हैं; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो भारत द्वारा इस संबंध में की गई कार्यवाही का व्यौरा क्या है ?

विदेश व्यापार मंत्री (श्री एल० एन० मिश्र) : (क) और (ख). वर्तमान प्रवृत्तियों के