

(b) the routes by which Government are taking salt to Eastern States of the country :

(c) whether there is every likelihood of the rise in price of salt in Eastern States if it is transported by means other than the Railways ; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take to check the rise in prices of salt in those States ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHANSHYAM OZA) :
(a) No, Sir.

(b) Salt is moved normally by ships from the West Coast and Tuticorin to Calcutta, from where it is transported to the consuming areas in the Eastern States, via Farakka and Garhara. Some quantities are also moved by the all rail route.

(c) Although the all-rail route is slightly cheaper the price of salt in the retail is almost the same in both cases.

(d) If necessary, action will be taken under the Essential Commodities Act. Also more salt will be despatched if necessary.

Inhuman torture of a Harijan Woman

430. SHRI AMBESH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the result of the investigation made by the State C.I.D. in respect of a Harijan woman, Shrimati Bamwati, of village Lakhnupur of District Azamgarh of Uttar Pradesh who was allegedly hung nude up side down from a tree and made to suffer inhuman tortures by the U P Police ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : According to information received from the Government of Uttar Pradesh these allegations have not been substantiated by the inquiries held by the State C.I.D. However, there was some suspicion that she, along with others, was intimidated and beaten in the course of interrogation in a murder case and further inquiries are being made.

Setting up of Colour Film Factory in Ootacamund

431. SHRI C. CHITTIBAHU : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Colour Film Factory will be set up at Ootacamund in collaboration with a foreign company ; and

(b) if so, the broad features of the scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHANSHYAM OZA) :
(a) and (b). M/s. Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Company Limited, Ootacamund is negotiating with a foreign collaborator for the manufacture of Colour Film in the country. Proposals are yet to be received from the company.

Manufacture of Scooters in Public Sector

432. SHRI BISWANARAYAN SHASTRI :
SHRI MUHAMMED SHERIFF :
SHRI Y. ESWARA REDDY :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the scheme to set up plants in the public sector for manufacturing scooters has since been finalised ; and

(b) if so, the main features of the scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHANSHYAM OZA) :
(a) Not yet, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Suspects arrested in District Cachar (Assam)

433. SHRI BISWANARAYAN SHASTRI :
SHRI HARI SINGH :
SHRI HUKAM CHAND KACHWAI :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :