

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) The Wig India factory has gone into the production of artificial eyelashes and footwear upper parts for export, especially of a decorative variety. It is also proposed to set up a leather development unit with a view to utilising fully existing facilities.

Fixing of floor prices for Handloom exports

3022. SHRI R. V. BADE: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are intending to fix floor prices for Handloom exports; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Does not arise.

Films exported to Bangladesh

3023. SHRI R. N. BARMAN: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Bengali Films and Hindi films so far exported to Bangladesh;

(b) whether Government have so far made any assessment of the demand of Indian films in Bengali in Bangladesh; and

(c) if so, the results thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) to (c). No Indian films have so far been exported to Bangladesh. The Trade Agreement between India and Bangladesh provides for exports of cinema films of the value of Rs. 15 lakhs to Bangladesh and for the import upto Rs. 15 lakhs of cinema films from Bangladesh. It has been agreed between the two Governments that trade in Cinema films would be handled by the Indian Motion Pictures Export Corporation and the Film Development Corporation of Bangladesh. The two agencies are in touch with each other to settle arrangements for the trade in films.

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Wagon Shortage for Coal and Coke trades in Bombay Region

3024. SHRI M. KATHAMUTHU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Coal and Coke trade in Bombay region has been seriously hit by the shortage of Railway wagon; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to provide adequate number of wagons to the trade?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI T. A. PAI): (a) and (b). There have been some complaints about the inadequate supply of wagons for movement of coal and coke to Bombay area. However, the movement of coal to Bombay region has been substantially more in the first six months of 1972 as compared to the corresponding period of last year and movement of coke has been kept at about the same level as in the previous year. Efforts are being made to improve the loading further.

Strike by Cashew Workers in Kerala

3025. SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPAN: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a State-wide strike in Kerala of Cashew workers in the month of June this year;

(b) if so, what were the demands put forward by them; and

(c) whether any settlement has been reacted, if so, the broad features thereof?

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

(b) and (c). The main demands of the striking workers related to payment of minimum rates of wages and D. A., issue of attendance cards and procedures for weighment. The strike was called off with the employers undertaking to pay agreed rates of wages and Dearness Allowance; issue attendance cards, and making weighment daily in accordance with the agreed procedures.

Export of Iron Ore to Japan

3026. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY:
SHRI RAM PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state: