

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० प्रार० गजेश) : (क) से (ग) बिन्नी कर का प्रशासन (स्थानीय और केन्द्रीय, दोनों प्रकार का) राज्य सरकारों के हाथ में है। इसलिए प्रश्न में मांगी गयी सूचना उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार से मांगी गयी है और वहाँ से प्राप्त होने पर सदन पटल पर रख दी जायगी।

Committee to study the question of Price equalisation for Cotton

806. SHRI BISHWANATH JHUN-JHUNWALA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had referred the question of price equalisation for cotton on the lines of steel to a committee for examination and report by July, 1973;

(b) on how many occasions the Committee met and whether the committee had invited suggestions heard the representatives of the States who were adversely affected for not bringing about the price equalisation; and

(c) whether the Committee has since finalised its recommendations, and if so, the salient features thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) Government had referred the question of freight equalisation for raw cotton to a Committee headed by Secretary (Commerce) in January, 1973;

(b) The Committee met and considered the suggestions of the representatives of the concerned States.

(c) No, Sir.

Tour of Europe by India's Export Promotion Council to promote Export of Chemicals and Allied Products

807. SHRI M. S. SIVASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's Export Promotion Council dealing with Chemicals and allied products had completed a tour of West Europe recently and found a very good market in chemicals and allied products;

(b) the steps taken to export such goods to West Europe; and

(c) whether any agreements have been signed in this regard; and if so, the broad outlines thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) to (c). A sales-cum-study team sponsored by the Chemicals and Allied Products Export Promotion Council, Calcutta, visited Italy, Switzerland, West Germany, U.K., Belgium, Netherlands and France recently and found good market for some of the products handled by this Council. Firm orders valued at Rs. 20 lakhs have been booked and a large number of enquiries for various items have been received which are being followed up by the Council by forwarding samples and specifications, etc.

Grant of import replenishment, draw back of duty, etc. are some of the major steps taken to boost exports including exports to West Europe. Participation in Exhibitions and Fairs, sponsoring of sales-cum study teams, inviting foreign buyers are some of the other steps taken to promote exports.