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Oriental Fire & General Insurance Co. Ltd. Delhi.

National Insurance Co. Ltd. Calcutta.

The schemes of mergers were published in the Gazette of India and copies thereof were laid on the Table of the House on 20th February, 1974.

#### Decline in Export of Tea during first seven months of 1973

9177. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether export of tea from South India in the first seven months of 1973 was lower as compared to the last year; and

(b) if so, the salient features regarding the figures of export and the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) Export of tea from South India during first seven months of 1973 rose by 820 thousand kgs. as compared to the corresponding period of 1972.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Development of Small Scale powerloom Industry

9178. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered the necessity of allowing development of the small-scale powerlooms industry for the manufacture of jute goods in the interest of jute growers who are unable to realise an economic price for their fibre; and

(b) if so, the broad features thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) and (b). On account of the limited spinning capacity of the jute industry there is no surplus jute yarn in the country and even the loom capacity in the organised sector is not fully utilised. As such Government have no proposal to allow development of the small scale powerlooms industry for the manufacture of jute goods.

#### International Tourism Training Centre at Bangalore

9179. SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIF: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka have expressed their willingness to make available land for the establishment of International Tourism Training Centre at Bangalore; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. SARAJINI MAHISHI): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.