

Horsepower Unit at Delhi are functioning at present. No assistance has so far been provided to Ganesh Electrical Fan and Fractional Horsepower Unit. The feasibility of reopening this unit was studied with the help of an expert consultant and the management committee of the mills decided in August, 1974 that the reopening of this unit at this stage would be detrimental to the reconstruction programme of other units of the company in view of the large additional capital expenditure and working capital necessary for this purpose. However, the Management Committee also decided to explore possibilities of utilising the fan unit to the best advantage of the undertaking.

Use of Helicopters by smugglers for smuggling purposes

5331. SHRI P. A. SAMINATHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether smugglers are openly using helicopters for smuggling purposes in view of strict checking on the ground; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b). According to intelligence reports available, the smugglers are not using helicopters for smuggling purposes.

Arrest of smugglers in Dadra and Nagar Haveli

5332. SHRI R. R. PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any smugglers have been arrested in the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli; and

(b) if so, the names thereof and the value of articles recovered from them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE): (a) No smuggler has been arrested in the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Visit by Burmese Trade Delegation

5333. SHRI Y. ESWARA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Burmese trade delegation visited India recently; and

(b) if so, the matters discussed and the outcome thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b) A 4-member purchase-cum-goodwill delegation from Burma led by H.E. U Thein Nyunt, Deputy Minister for Trade, Burma, visited India in November-December, 1974 to negotiate and finalise arrangements for purchase of commodities from India, under the Special Payment Arrangement between India and Burma. During the discussions with the delegation, it was agreed that India and Burma should increase their trade and strengthen their economic relations. In the course of their stay in India, the Delegation concluded a contract for purchase from India of cotton textiles worth Rs. 40 lakhs under the said arrangements.

Price increase for Indian Iron Ore

5334. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA:
SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAKODKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India had any further talks recently with Japan over proposed price increase for Indian Iron ore;