

Employment of D.ps. in National Sugar Mills at Ahmedpur

1350. { Shri Dinen Bhattacharya:
Dr. Saradish Roy:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that loans and grants were given to National Sugar Mills at Ahmedpur, West Bengal for employment of displaced persons from East Pakistan;

(b) if so, what are the terms and conditions; and

(c) how many displaced persons are employed there and their percentage?

• The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Production and Export of Coffee

1351. Shri Rajaram: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of coffee in 1961-62 and the quantity which was allowed to be exported during that period;

(b) the condition of the crop in 1960-61 and 1961-62 respectively; and

(c) whether there are prospects of larger exports?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). The estimated production of coffee during the 1961-62 crop year is 41,000 metric tons approximately as against a record production of nearly 68,000 metric tons in 1960-61. The sharp decline in production in 1961-62 was due to the damage caused to the coffee crop by the unusually heavy rains in the South last year. The tentative export allocation is 20,000 metric tons during 1961-62.

(c) Yes, Sir, provided there is increased production of exportable grades of coffee.

Air-Lifting of Food to NEFA

1352. Shrimati Jyotsna Chanda: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and the cost of foodstuff and other consumer goods air-lifted to NEFA during the last five years, yearwise; and

(b) whether there is any separate agricultural department in NEFA to look after grow more food in that area?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):

(a) The figures for airlift of food supplies and other consumer goods to the North-East Frontier Agency are as follows:

Year	Tonnage (in thousands)	Approximate estimate of flying charges
		Rs. in lakhs
1957	73	13
1958	88	15
1959	102	18
1960	98	17
1961	103	18

(b) The Directorate of Agriculture and Community Development is responsible for increasing the agricultural production in the Agency.

Export of Jute Fibre

1353. { Shri Warrior:
Shri Vasudevan Nair:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether it is a fact that jute fibre export from India are facing a threat from Banana plant fibre manufactured in Philippines through mechanised factories?