

Trade with Newly Liberated Countries in Africa

6372. Shri Ram Kishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state the steps taken for exploring possibilities of entering into agreements with the newly liberated countries in Africa for the import of essential minerals and raw materials from them in exchange of Indian manufactured goods and products?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): From amongst the newly liberated countries in Africa, we import minerals and raw materials mainly from Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya, Tunisia, Ghana, Zambia and Congo. Out of these countries, we have already entered into trade agreements with Tunisia, Uganda and Tanzania. Conclusion of Trade Agreements and Trade arrangements with Kenya, Congo, Algeria, Zambia and Malagasy is under consideration.

Chittaranjan Locomotive Works

6373. Shri N. S. Sharma:
Shri Ram Singh Ayarwal:
Shri Sharda Nand:
Shri Brij Bhushan Lal:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state

(a) the total capacity of the Chittaranjan Locomotive Works,

(b) the number of locomotives exported to foreign countries annually, and

(c) the foreign exchange earned thereby?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) The present capacity of the Chittaranjan Locomotive Works is to manufacture about 10 steam locomotives and 4 electric locomotives per month.

(b) Nil.

All the locomotives manufactured by Chittaranjan Locomotive Works have been utilized within the country.

(c) Does not arise

Unauthorised Sale of Long Journey Railway tickets at Bombay

6374. Shri Brij Bhushan Lal:
Shri N. S. Sharma:
Shri Sharda Nand:
Shri Ram Singh Ayarwal:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the large-scale black-marketing going on in the sale of long journey Railway tickets at Bombay Railway Station,

(b) whether anti-social elements purchase the tickets much in advance of the due date in collaboration with the Railway officials and then sell them to the needy passengers at many times the price of the ticket, and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to stop this malpractice?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) and (b) A few complaints of blackmarketing in railway tickets have been received.

(c) A statement indicating the steps being taken is laid on the Table of the House [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1140/87].