

(b) if so, the attitude of the Government thereto?

The Minister of International Trade (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The representation of the Indian Cotton Mills Federation is under consideration.

Tea Centres in European Countries

*80. { Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:

Will the Minister of International Trade be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 242 on the 16th November, 1962 and state:

(a) whether Government have since considered the proposals for opening tea Centres in European Countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the recurring expenditure to be incurred thereon?

The Minister of International Trade (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). As a first step towards the setting up of Tea Centres in Europe, a senior officer of the Tea Board has been appointed with headquarters at Brussels to determine suitable locations for the Centres and arrange for their being set up. The Chairman, Tea Board and this officer have recently visited some of the countries in Europe and currently are having consultations with our Ambassador at Brussels with a view to finalising the location of the centres and formulating a co-ordinated programme for tea promotion in these areas.

(c) Recurring expenditure will be estimated once the sites for the Centres have been located.

Aluminium Plant in M.P.

*81. **Shri Birendra Bahadur Singh:** Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether negotiations between the Governments of India and Hungary for the location of an Aluminium

Plant in Madhya Pradesh have been completed;

(b) whether an agreement has also been signed between the two Governments in this respect; and

(c) the upto-date position regarding the setting up of the Plant?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) and (b). No. Sir.

(c) The National Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. have been requested to prepare the detailed project report of the Alumina/Aluminium plant proposed to be established in Madhya Pradesh in consultation with the Hungarians preferably by the end of March 1964, if not earlier.

Further action will be considered on receipt of the detailed project report.

Supply Missions Abroad

*82. { Shri Maheswar Naik:
Shri Sham Lai Saraf:
Shri Siddananappa:
Dr. L. M. Singhvi:

Will the Minister of Economic and Defence Coordination be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the basis of his inspection of the foreign Supply Missions during his visit to U.S.A. and Europe, he is contemplating to reorganize and streamline these Missions; and

(b) if so, in what way?

The Minister of Supply in the Ministry of Economic and Defence Co-ordination (Shri Hathi): (a) It is true that Minister (Economic & Defence Co-ordination), after his return from the U.K. and the U.S.A., considered it necessary to examine the possibility of re-organizing these Missions.

(b) I visited these Missions during the 1st to 18th July. I was accompanied by a senior officer of the Ministry. It will take some time before my recommendations are finalised.