

putting in applications for the grant of Industrial licences for the purpose.

Export of Textiles to U.S.S.R.

6100. SHRI HIMATSINGKA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an agreement has been signed with the U.S.S.R. for the supply of textiles worth Rs. 5 crores to the U.S.S.R.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the specifications, nature and quality of textiles to be exported to that country under this agreement?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) to (c). The representatives of the Soviet central buying organisation for textiles have entered into deals with mills in different parts of India for the purchase of bleached sheetings and poplins, printed poplins, printed satins, printed furnishings, printed flannelettes, terry towels, honeycomb towelling and handkerchiefs worth Rs. 5.82 crores during 1968. Summary of approximate business booked for qualities for exportation is given in the annexure laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-713/68].

Mineral Deposits in the Kutch area Awarded to Pakistan e

6101. SHRI SRADHAKAR SUPAKAR: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the area now awarded to Pakistan by the Kutch Tribunal contains mineral deposits of bauxite and mineral oil; and

(b) if so, the estimated quantity of the deposits?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (DR. CHANNA REDDY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Fire in Chongtang Tea Gardens Near Darjeeling

6102. SHRI MAHANT DIGVIJAI NATH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a fire broke out in Chongtang Tea Gardens near Darjeeling;

(b) if so, the estimated loss thereby;

(c) whether an enquiry has been conducted and if so, the details thereof and when the report of enquiry is likely to be received; and

(d) whether some arrests have been made in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The loss has been assessed at Rs. 12 lakhs.

(c) Yes, Sir. This enquiry by one of the Directors of the Company revealed that the fire was purely accidental, caused by short circuit in the electrical installation.

(d) Not as far as Government are aware, Sir.

Railway Projects in Zambia

6103. SHRI NITIRAJ SINGH CHAUDHARY:
SHRI LAKHAN LAL GUPTA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has not given tender for the 100 million Sterling Railway Projects in Zambia; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) and (b). No such large tender for railway projects has been issued by the Government of Zambia. The question of Indian Parties not putting in offers therefor, does not arise.

Effect of Devaluation of Sterling on India Tea Exports

6104. SHRI R. K. AMIN;
SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the devaluation of Sterling has affected adversely the tea market of India; and

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

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) It is too early to judge whether and if so, to what extent, the devaluation of Sterling has affected adversely the tea market of India.

(b) Government are closely watching the situation and have already initiated action such as certain adjustments in export duty and intensification of promotional measures, to strengthen the position of Indian tea in the export markets.

Export of Metals

6105. SHRI RAMJI RAM;
SHRI B. N. KUREEL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of stainless steel, nickel, copper, zinc, lead, tin and German Silver scraps etc. imported during the period from 1st January, 1957 to 31st December, 1967; and

(b) the quantity of each metal that has been allotted to different States

respectively in each year during the above period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-714|68].

(b) Statistics are not maintained State-wise and as such information regarding allocation to each State is not available for the above period.

छोटी कार का निर्माण

6106. श्री रघुवीर सिंह शास्त्री :
क्या औद्योगिक विकास तथा समवाय-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सब है कि मैसूर सरकार ने केन्द्रिय सरकार को छोटी कारों के निर्माण के संबंध में एक प्रस्ताव भेजा था ;

(ख) यदि हाँ तो क्या सरकार ने उसका मंजूरी दे दी थी ;

(ग) यदि नहीं तो क्या सरकार का ध्यान मैसूर के मुख्य मंत्री के इस आशय के वक्तव्य को धोर दिया गया है कि मैसूर सरकार का विचार छोटी कार परियोजना का क्रियान्वित करने का है ; और

(घ) यदि हाँ, तो इस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

औद्योगिक विकास तथा समवाय-कार्य मंत्री (श्री फजलुद्दीन खली अहमद) : (क) जी, हाँ।

(ख) अभी नहीं।

(ग) सरकार ने समाचार पत्रों में यह समाचार देखा है कि मैसूर के मुख्य