

Scale Industries during the last three years; and

(b) the names of the countries to which they were sent?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) One.

(b) Denmark

Investigations into Illegal Forward Contracts by Calcutta Firms

(10. { Shri Indrajit Gupta:
Shri D. D. Mantri:

Will the Minister of International Trade be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 789 on the 20th September, 1963 and state:

(a) whether the investigations into illegal forward contracts by certain Calcutta firms have now been completed;

(b) if so, the action taken against the offending firms; and

(c) whether Government have taken any precautionary measures against the widespread indulgence in "dubla" and "kerb" contracts?

The Minister of International Trade (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) No, Sir. The cases are still under investigation by the Calcutta Police.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Spinning Unit for Kangra District

411. Shri Hem Raj: Will the Minister of International Trade be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Punjab Government approached the Central Government with a request for setting up a spinning unit of 800 spindles in the hilly district of Kangra; and

(b) if so, the decision taken thereon?

The Minister of International Trade (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Tea Promotion Campaign

412. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of International Trade be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to launch a joint tea promotion campaign in collaboration with other tea producing countries in foreign markets; and

(b) if so, state at which the proposal stands?

The Minister of International Trade (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). The Tea Board is already collaborating with Ceylon and the local tea trade through the Tea Council in the USA, Canada, West Germany and Australia in propagating the consumption of tea as such in these countries. Of the tea producing countries other than Ceylon, Indonesia is participating only in the Tea Council of the USA.

Small Scale Industries

413. Shri Daji: Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of assistance released by the National Small Scale Industries Corporation during 1962-63;

(b) the amount given to each State; and

(c) the basis of the disbursement of such assistance?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) The National Small Industries Corporation Limited does not give cash loans but supplies machinery to small scale units on hire purchase basis. The Corporation also assists small industrial units in securing contracts from the Central Government Stores Purchasing Agencies. The value of machinery delivered by the Corporation to small scale units on hire purchase basis during the year 1962-63 amounts to Rs. 351,35,886. With the assistance of the Corporation the small units secured contracts valued at Rs. 14,51,58,309 from the D.G.S. &D. during the same period.

(b) Statements containing State-wise break-up of the value of machines delivered and the value of orders secured by the small scale units during 1962-63 are laid on the Table of the House [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1901/63].

(c) Applications recommended by the State Directors of Industries are normally accepted after examination of the prospects of the industry for which machines are applied for and the foreign exchange commitment involved.

Cement factory Licences

414. Shri Jaswant Mehra: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering be pleased to state the number of cement factory licences cancelled during this year on account of failure to set up factories?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri P. C. Sethi): During 1963, three cement factory licences have been cancelled so far on account of failure to set up factories.

Corrugated Iron Sheets for Manipur

415. Shri Rishang Keishing: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of corrugated Iron Sheets required by the people of Manipur and the number of applications filed for them;

(b) the quantities of corrugated iron sheets allotted in 1962-63 and 1963-64 so far; and

(c) the manner in which Government proposes to meet the demand of the people of Manipur for Corrugated Iron Sheets?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) to (c). No fresh allotment of galvanised corrugated sheets has been made in 1962-63 and 1963-64 because of the large number of outstanding orders pending with the Producers and the need for meeting the large demand from the various Defence organisations during the emergency. However, supplies are being made, to the extent possible, against the outstanding orders. Demands for galvanised corrugated

sheets, during 1962-63 and 1963-64, under the various State's quotas, viz., Government Development schemes, Steel Processing industries, non-agricultural, agricultural and small scale industries, were 9,585 tonnes and 10,980 tonnes respectively. The number of applications for release from individual persons, received by the State authorities, were 2,222 in 1962-63 and 908 in 1963-64. However, the total despatches of galvanised corrugated sheets to Manipur State during 1962-63 and 1963-64 (April—September, 1963) were 1,424 tonnes and 791 tonnes, respectively. Since such sheets are in short supply as compared with the demand from all States, the available supply has to be rationed equitably amongst all consumers.

Industrial Projects

416. Shri S. B. Patil: Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state the total investments during the Third Five Year Plan upto 31st December, 1963 on public sector projects in the States of Mysore, Madras, Andhra, Kerala and Maharashtra?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Kanungo): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Export to U.K.

417. { Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of International Trade be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a gradual decline of Indian exports to the United Kingdom; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of International Trade (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). A statement of exports from India to the U.K. in 1961-62, 1962-63 is laid on the Table of the House. It will be seen that our exports in 1962-63 have in fact picked up, as compared with the previous year, to the extent of almost Rs. 3 crores.