

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1210/68].

(c) The Government of Kerala asked for a provision of Rs. 75.00 lakhs for Small Scale Industries for the year 1968-69 and the same provision was agreed to by the working Group on Village and Small Industries as well as the Planning Commission. However, the actual outlay budgetted by the State Government for the development of these industries is not known.

(d) The information is being collected from the State Government and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### Meeting of Trade and Development Board in Geneva

9844. SHRI P. C. ADICHAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian delegation to the last Trade and Development Board's meeting in Geneva held on the 2nd and 3rd May, 1960 pressed a resolution for setting up a Special Committee on Preferences ; and

(b) if so, what was the response of the meeting to this proposal ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) and (b). The meeting of the Trade and Development Board was scheduled to take place only on the 6th and 7th of May, 1968. The decision to establish a Special Committee on Preferences, as a subsidiary organ of the Trade and Development Board, has been taken already at the second United Nations Conference on Trade and Development held in New Delhi during February/March 1968. The question of its composition and its terms of reference is, however, expected to be considered by the Board at its current session.

#### High Pressure Boiler Plant, Tiruverumbur

9845. SHRI P. C. ADICHAN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the progress so far made in the erection of the High Pressure Boiler Plant, Tiruverumbur (Tiruchirappalli) with Czech assistance;

(b) the expenditure so far incurred on it and the Czech assistance which has already been received for this project;

(c) when it is likely to be completed; and

(d) whether the manufacture of boilers has already been taken up at the partly erected plant and if so, the extent and details of the production thereof so far ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) All construction activities in regard to the factory are complete.

(b) The expenditure incurred on the project upto the 31st December, 1967 was about Rs. 23 crores. Czech assistance has been in the shape of supply of machinery and equipment, components and technical cooperation and deputation of Czech experts for assistance in the erection of the plant and training of India engineers in Czechoslovakia.

(c) The project is already complete.

(d) The factory is now engaged in the erection of two boilers of 60 MW capacity for Ennore Thermal Power Station of Madras State. 86% of the supplies have been completed.

#### Export of Cashewnuts

9846. SHRI P. C. ADICHAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the exports of Cashewnuts to each country or set of countries having common market systems during the year 1967-68 and in the first quarter of 1968-69;

(b) the total exports of cashewnuts expected to be made during the year 1968-69;

(c) the names of countries importing cashewnuts; and