

for the import of dry fruits against the export of tea; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government thereon?

THE DEPUTY-MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) The Kangra Tea Marketing Cooperative Society is mainly a cooperative society formed by producers of tea in Kangra, though merchants and traders in tea are also eligible to become members without voting rights. The Society as such does not export tea.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Licences for import of Afghan fruits fresh and dry, are already being issued to approved importers against export of permissible items, including tea. Under the current policy, exporters of non-traditional items to Afghanistan are also eligible to import Afghan fruits. There has been a considerable rise in India's overall export of tea to Afghanistan during 1966-67 and 1967-68, and the Government do not see any reason to modify the present policy.

**Memorandum from Class I Railway Officers
Re. Conditions of Service.**

9980. SHRI S. P. RAMAMOORTHY :
SHRI H. AJMAL KHAN :
SHRI D. N. DEB :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Class I Officers of the Railways have submitted a memorandum to the Railway authorities drawing their attention to the growing disparity in the conditions of service between officers of the railway organisation and those working in other sectors of Government services; and

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

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) (a) Yes.

(b) The representation is under consideration.

रेलवे स्टेजनों पर लाइसेंस प्राप्त कुन्तियों तथा विक्रेता

9981. श्री अ. सिं. सहगल : क्या रेलवे मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रेलवे स्टेजनों पर

काब कर रहे लाइसेंस प्राप्त कुन्तियों तथा विक्रेताओं के हितों की रक्षा के लिए कोई कानूनी संरक्षण की व्यवस्था है ; और

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो उसका व्यौरा क्या है ?

रेलवे मन्त्री (श्री चे. मु. पुनाचा) : (क) और (ख). एक विवरण सभा पटल पर रखा गया है [पुस्तकालय में रखा गया। देखिये संख्या LT-1219/68]

टोंक, राजस्थान में चमड़ा कारखाना

9982. श्री जमुना लाल : क्या औद्योगिक विकास तथा समवाय-कार्य मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार का विचार टोंक, राजस्थान में चमड़े का एक कारखाना लगाने का है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके कब तक स्थापित किये जाने की सम्भावना है ;

(ग) इस कारखाने के अब तक स्थापित न किये जाने के क्या कारण हैं ;

(घ) क्या इसे सरकारी क्षेत्र में लगाया जायेगा चमड़ा और-सरकारी क्षेत्र में, और

(ङ) उस पर केन्द्रीय सरकार तथा राज्य सरकार द्वारा कितनी-कितनी पूंजी लघाये जाने की सम्भावना है ?

औद्योगिक विकास तथा समवाय-कार्य मन्त्री (श्री फलकहीन अली अहमद) : (क) राजस्थान सरकार का टोंक राजस्थान में चमड़ा कमाने का एक कारखाना लगाने का विचार है।

(ख) और (ग) : अभी इस परियोजना की योजना बनाई जा रही है, क्योंकि यूगो-स्लाविया के सहयोगियों ने परियोजना के लिए जिन मशीनों की आवश्यकता पड़ेगी उनका व्यौरा अभी तक नहीं भेजा है।

(घ) यह कारखाना सरकारी क्षेत्र में स्थापित करने का विचार है।

(क) इस परियोजना पर लगभग 1 करोड़ रु० का कुल खर्च राज्य सरकार द्वारा किया जायेगा।

Export of Coal

9983. SHRI NITIRAJ SINGH CHAUDHARY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to study the long-term coal export potential to countries other than Ceylon, Burma and Pakistan to reduce the increasing stocks in the country ; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) and (b). No, Sir. There is no such proposal under consideration at present. Efforts are however being made to explore the possibilities of exporting coal to countries like Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Sudan and U.A.R.

Survey of Minerals in Narsinghpur District

9984. SHRI NITIRAJ SINGH CHAUDHARY : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred question No. 2606 on the 1st December, 1967 and state :

(a) whether Narsinghpur District has already been surveyed ;

(b) if so, what minerals were traced there and the approximate quantities thereof ; and

(c) if not, whether it will soon be surveyed as it has many minerals like iron, coal, lime stone and copper ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Geological mapping, preliminary mineral assessment and reconnaissance survey in parts of Narsinghpur district have been carried out by the Geological Survey of India and the work is still in progress during the current field season. The survey carried out has revealed that the occurrences of asbestos, iron ore and copper are not encouraging. Geophysical

work recommended for copper will be taken up by the Geological Survey of India in due course. Occurrences of flux grade limestone, dolomite, soapstone have been recorded. Work for iron ores at Dilhir, Hithanpur ; limestone at Chandion ; coal at Gotitoria, Mohpani by drilling is in progress.

(c) Does not arise.

Invention Promotion Board

9985. SHRI NITIRAJ SINGH CHAUDHARY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Invention Promotion Board has given awards to many persons for their inventions ;

(b) whether an exhibition of these inventions is proposed to be arranged in Delhi for the advantage of all concerned ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

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

(b) An exhibition at Delhi and other big cities in India is being arranged so as to interest the industrialists in the inventions.

(c) Does not arise.

अखिल भारतीय गार्डस परिषद्, बीकानेर
डिबीजन से ज्ञापन

9986. श्री प० लाल बाकपाल : क्या रेलवे मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को अखिल भारतीय गार्ड परिषद्, बीकानेर डिबीजन से उनकी मांगों का कोई ज्ञापन मिला है ; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उनकी मांगें क्या हैं, उस पर क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

रेलवे मन्त्री (श्री बे० मु० पुनाचा) : (क) जी हाँ।

(ख) अखिल भारतीय गार्डस परिषद् की