

information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House in due course.

Loans to Salt Works

1621. { Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:

Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether any loans or grants have been given to any Salt Works in the country during 1963-64; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) Yes; Sir.

(b) Details of loans sanctioned to salt works during 1963-64 are as follows:

Name of Salt Licensee	Amount of loan Rs.
1. Messrs. Appana Venkata Subbarao Ramchandra Rao & Brothers, Balacheruvu Salt Factory, Pedagantyada P.O. Via Gandhigaram, Visakhapatnam	95,000/-
2. Messrs. Kalinga Salt Industries Private Limited, Naupada (Head Office : Nayasarak, Cuttack).	99,000/-
3. Serrvashri Eduri Pathabhiram Reddy and Eduri Rajamma, Krishnapatam Salt Factory	20,000/-

Khadi Commission's Publications

1622. { Shri Kapur Singh:
Shri Gulshan:

Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Khadi Commission sells a number of publications;

(b) if so, whether the buyer has to fill in one or two forms before he can purchase such publications; and

(c) if so, the details of the information required to be filled in the forms?

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

(b) No. The publications are sold against specific orders received.

(c) Does not arise.

Export of Beedis

1623. { Shri Dharmalingam:
Shri Muihu Gounder:

Will the Minister of International Trade be pleased to state:

(a) whether the efforts made by the Tobacco Export Promotion Council to find alternative export markets for beedis consequent on the ban of the Government of Ceylon to the import of beedis from India have been successful;

(b) the names of the alternative countries to which the beedis are being exported at present; and

(c) whether any step was taken to persuade the Ceylon Government to reconsider their stand on this in view of the glut in beedi production in the South?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) Efforts are still being made to explore new markets for Indian beedis.

(b) Malayasia and Aden.

(c) Yes, Sir, but without success.

Co-operative Societies

1624. { Shri Gulshan:
Shri Y. N. Singha:
Shri P. H. Bheel:

Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state the number of co-operative societies registered in connection with grant of permits for small scale industries during the period from 1960 to 1964?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Kanungo): There is no specific registration of cooperative societies in connection with grant of permits for small scale industries. Presumably information is sought in regard to the number of industrial co-operative societies registered during the period 1960 to 1964 and the number of societies which have received permits of one kind or another to facilitate their work. This information is being collected.

Natural Rubber Price

1625. Shri Vasudevan Nair: Will the Minister of International Trade be pleased to state:

(a) whether the price of natural rubber is still showing a downward trend; and

(b) if so, its present price and how it compares with the price before decontrol?

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

(b) The minimum prices fixed by Government for some of the grades of natural rubber and the present prices for those grades, f.o.b. Cochin, are shown below:

Grade	The minium price fixed by the Govt.	Present price
	(for 50 Kg.)	
RMA 1x	161.50	162.63 to 163.73
RMA 1		
RMA 2	159.85	161.00 to 162.63
RMA 3	158.20	160.42 to 161.00

Export Products Pavilion, Delhi

1626. { Shri Pottakkatt:
Shri A. V. Raghavan:

Will the Minister of International Trade be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to revive the Export Products Pavilion at Delhi;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this direction; and

(c) when the Pavilion will be opened?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Efforts are being made to get suitable accommodation released for the purpose at the Exhibition Grounds on Mathura Road.

(c) It is difficult to say, at present.

Iron Ore Export

1627. Shri R. G. Dubey: Will the Minister of International Trade be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of iron ore exported through the ports of Karwar and Belikere during 1963;

(b) the programme for the year 1964;

(c) whether it is a fact that the trucks carrying iron ore from Hubli-Karwar and Belikere return empty and if cargo is provided for the return trip, the transportation cost of iron ore will be very much less; and

(d) whether Government received any proposal to provide cargo for the return trip from the Government of Mysore and if so, the action taken thereon?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) 4,42,000 tonnes.

(b) 5,00,000 tonnes.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Certain suggestions were made to the Ministry of Transport who are looking into the matter in consultation with the Ministry of Food and Agriculture.

Demand for Coal for Punjab

1628. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering be pleased to state: