

Cashew Industry

48. **Shri N. Sreekantan Nair:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the minimum wages fixed for the Cashew Industry in the States of Kerala, Madras and Mysore are widely divergent; and

(b) if so, whether Government intend to set up a Central Minimum Wages Committee to regularise the wage structure in the Industry?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Labour and Employment (Shri E. K. Malviya): (a) There are differences in the rates of minimum wages fixed in these States for the Cashew Industry.

(b) The Cashew Industry Enquiry Committee constituted by the Government of India, has recommended that there should be, as far as possible, uniform minimum wage rates in the Cashew Industry in the States of Kerala, Madras, Mysore, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh. This recommendation along with other recommendations of this Committee are under examination in the Ministry of Industry and Supply.

Dry-freeze Plant in U.P.

49. **Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a giant dry-freeze plant for the preservation of meat will be established in Uttar Pradesh by his Ministry; and

(b) if so, when and at what place?

The Minister of Defence Production in the Ministry of Defence (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) The installation of a plant for production of accelerated freeze dried meat for supply to the troops is under consideration of Government.

(b) The proposal is in planning stage. The location is yet to be finalized.

Soviet Transport Planes

50. **Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Soviet Russia has offered to provide more transport aircrafts to India under its military aid programme; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and what are those transport aircrafts?

The Minister of Defence Production in the Ministry of Defence (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) and (b). The Soviet authorities have agreed to supply Mi-4 helicopters on deferred payment terms. The Indian defence delegation currently visiting the U.S.S.R. is expected to conclude a contract for the purchase of a certain number of these helicopters.

Cannes Film Festival

51. **Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Indian film participated at the Cannes International Film Festival which was held in April, 1964; and

(b) the name of the film and the basis on which the said film was selected?

The Minister for Information and Broadcasting (Shrimati Indira Gandhi): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following Indian films participated in the Cannes International Film Festival:—

Feature film: "Mujhe Jeene Do"

Documentary film: "Himalayan Lakes".

Both the films were selected on the recommendations of the Advisory Committees for selection of feature and documentary films for entry in International Film Festivals.

Film on Untouchability

52. **Shri Datt Singh:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) the upto-date progress made in the production of a film on the removal of the untouchability; and

(b) when it will be released?