

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Yes, Sir. Exports fell from Rs. 11.55 crores in 1962-63 to Rs. 9.6 crores in 1963-64; and imports rose from Rs. 8.13 crores to Rs. 10.36 crores in the same period.

(b) The physical imports also include machinery, etc. imported under the long term credit offered by the Polish Government. Export of raw hides and skins, coffee, and jute goods, etc., declined in 1963-64 over 1962-63.

Sandal Wood Oil

965. Shri Brijraj Singh-Kotah: Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been brought to the notice of Government that unhealthy competition between the Mysore Government and the proprietors of private sandal wood factories, has led to abnormally high rates for sandal wood oil, thereby threatening the existence of the famous Kanauj perfume factories; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to set the matter right?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri Bibudhendra Misra): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Derailment at Sahebpur-Kamal Station

966. { Shri Vishram Prasad:
Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:
Shri Bade:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Allahabad-Jogbani passenger train derailed on the 14th October, 1964 at Sahebpur-Kamal station on the Katihar-Barauni section of the North-Eastern Railway; and

(b) if so, the number of casualties,

the loss of lives and Government property?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Sham Nath):

(a) It was 35 Up Jogbani-Barauni Jn. Passenger train and not Allahaba-Jogbani Passenger train which derailed at Sahebpur Kamal station on 14-10-64.

(b) Nobody was killed or injured as a result of this accident.

The approximate cost of damage to railway property was Rs. 750.

Channel of Local Roro Irrigation Scheme

967. Shri H. C. Soy: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that near Pandra-Sali station on Raj Kharswan-Gua line. S.E. Railway, the Government of Bihar (Irrigation Department) have placed funds with the Railway to construct a passage to the main channel of the local Roro Irrigation Scheme for more than a year ago, but no action is being taken by the Railway; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to expedite the matter?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Sham Nath): (a) and (b). No, Sir. The matter is still under consideration of the State Government.

Import of Polythylene

968. { Shri Ulkey:
Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that import licences for low density polythylene are not given to actual users;

(b) whether it is also a fact that factories producing low density polythylene in India are unable to meet the demand in full;