

Import of Cotton from U. A. R.

4051. SHRI SITARAM KESRI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the importers of cotton from the United Arab Republic have demanded necessary safeguards in the terms and conditions governing the cotton trade with Egypt; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) The Indian Cotton Mills Federation and the East India Cotton Association have sought certain clarifications in regard to the payment clause in cotton contracts with the U. A. R. shippers.

(b) Necessary advice has been given to the Indian Cotton Mills Federation and East India Cotton Association.

Indo-Nepal Trade Talks

4052. SHRI SITARAM KESRI :
SHRI D. N. PATODIA :
SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:
SHRI HEM BARUA :
SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO :
SHRI RAMACHANDRA
VEERAPPA :
SHRI C. CHITTYBABU :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the trade relations between India and Nepal were reviewed at the talks held recently between the representatives of the two Governments;

(b) if so, the outcome of the talks; and

(c) whether India has extended certain concessions to Nepal ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The outcome of the talks has been set out in the Joint Press Note, a

copy of which has already been placed on the Table of the House by Shri B. R. Bhagat, Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs.

Iron Ore discovered in Assam

4053. SHRI JAHANUDDIN AHMED:
SHRI HEM BARUA :

Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a rich deposit of iron ore has been discovered recently in Chandonga and Haloem, Goalpara District of Assam; and

(b) if so, the quantity of deposits discovered and the measures taken for utilisation of the same ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (SHRI RAM SEWAK) : (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House, when available.

Manufacture of Protein food

4054. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SHAH : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the article "Hazards of Protein Deficiency", published in the September, 1968 issue of 'Swasth Hind,' a Government of India publication;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to encourage the manufacture of protein food;

(c) the number of applications for licences received by Government in the last two years for the setting up of such factories and the names of the applicants;

(d) the action taken by Government in respect of these applications; and

(e) whether it is a fact that undue delay has taken place in the clearance of an application from Muzra. Protein and