

(c) the reasons to adopt an obsolete device on the Railways?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Sham Nath):** (a) to (c). It is not clear what new safety device has been referred to as its name is not mentioned. However, it may be stated that it is not proposed to use any new safety device which may have become obsolete in Japan.

**Exports of Tea, Jute, Textiles, Hides, Skins and Light Engineering Goods**

**1544. Shri K. C. Pant:** Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) the prospects of increase in our exports of tea, jute, textiles, hides, skins and light engineering goods as a result of the devaluation;

(b) the present capacity of the above industries; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to increase their production to the maximum possible limit?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) It is too early to assess the effect of devaluation on increase in exports of tea, jute, Textiles, hides, skins and light engineering goods.

(b) A statement indicating the present capacity of these industries is laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT-6692/66.*]

(c) Import of raw materials, components and spares has been liberalised.

**Export of Tea**

**1545. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the devaluation is not going to help increase export of tea and earn more foreign exchange unless a cut is made in the penal export duty imposed after the devaluation of the rupee; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in the matter?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Commerce (Shri Shafi Qureshi):** (a) and (b). Increased export of tea will depend on increased production of tea. Export duty, imposed following devaluation, does not retard export of tea.

**Handicrafts Industry in Punjab**

**1546. Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 4916 on the 6th May, 1966 and state:

(a) whether the decision regarding the quantum of assistance to be given by the Centre for the development of Handicrafts Industry in Punjab State during 1966-67 has been taken; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Commerce (Shri Shafi Qureshi):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Grant	Rs. 3,80,000
Loan	Rs. 1,88,000
Total	Rs. 5,68,000

**सांख्यिकीय प्रतिवेदनों का द्विभाषीय (डेगलाट) प्रकाशन**

**1547. श्री जगदेव सिंह सिद्धान्ती :** क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह 11 मार्च 1966 के अतारंकित प्रश्न संख्या 2005 के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) द्विभाषीय रूप में सांख्यिकीय प्रतिवेदनों के शीर्षक, अर्थात् हिन्दी और अंग्रेजी में निश्चित करने के बारे में पिछले चार महीनों में क्या प्रगति हुई है ; और

(ख) इन प्रतिवेदनों का द्विभाषीय संस्करण कब तक उपलब्ध होने की सम्भावना है ?