

the Director of the Indian Standards Institution on the 3rd January, 1969 in New Delhi on "Standardisation and the common man";

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have refused to adopt certain standards about books and papers;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the reaction of Government on the suggestions given by the Director of the Indian Standards Institution?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

Import of Angora Wool

101. SHRI GADILINGANA GOWD : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that import of Angora wool has been stopped by Government;

(b) if so, the amount of foreign exchange likely to be saved annually as a result thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to meet the demand of Angora wool by way of expansion of production in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In 1966-67, an import licence for Rs. 88,000/- was issued for import of Angora Wool. By stopping its import there is likely to be a saving of foreign exchange every year more or less of this magnitude.

(c) and (d). There is at present an Angora Rabbit Breeding Farm at Kulu. The establish-

ment of another Farm has been approved by the Department of Agriculture in January, 1969. Other measures for increasing Angora Wool production in the country are also under consideration. The existing production of Angora Wool in the country is considered adequate to meet the present demand for such wool.

Survey of Dandakaranya and Sambalpur Bolangir Areas

102. SHRI CHINTAMANT PANIGRAHI : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether arrangement have been made for undertaking magnetometric surveys of Dandakaranya and Sambalpur Bolangir areas with the assistance of U. S. S. R. for locating base metal deposits ;

(b) Whether any final decision has been taken by Government in this connections ; and

(c) if so, the nature of decisions taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICAL AND MINES AND METALS (DR. TRIGUNA SEN) : (a) to (c). Negotiations for undertaking aeromagnetic survey of Dandakaranya and Sambalpur Bolangir areas with the assistance of U. S. S. R. are still in progress.

Loss Due to Reduction in Export Duties on Tea, Jute, Raw Cotton and Iron ore

103. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) the total loss suffered by Government as a result of the reduction in the export duties on tea, Jute, raw cotton and iron ore so far ; and

(b) the extent to which export earnings were increased from tea, jute raw cotton and iron ore as a result of reduction in export duties so far ?