

the Committee, Government have appointed Authorised Controller for one of these mills and the report in respect of the other mill is under examination. The affairs of another mill had also been investigated under the above mentioned Act but since the liquidation proceedings are pending in the High Court, no further action could be taken under the above mentioned Act. The affairs of the remaining two mills are under investigation and further action will be considered after the Committee's reports are received.

(e) No, Sir.

Trade with Somalia

3596. SHRI CHENGAI RAYA NAIDU : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in the joint communique issued by the Prime Minister of India and the President of Somalia, they have stressed to expand trade between the two countries ;

(b) if so, the steps being taken in this regard ; and

(c) whether any delegation from India is proposed to be sent to that country ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) Yes, Sir. The joint communique issued on the occasion of the visit to India of the President of Somalia, emphasised the need for developing and strengthening the commercial and economic relations of the two countries.

(b) The Embassy of India in Somalia has entered into discussions with the concerned Departments of the Government of Somalia with a view to identifying the products which each country could supply to the other.

(c) There is no such proposal at present.

Licences for Import of Dry Fruits

3597. SHRI GADILINGANA GOWD : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received complaints regarding the grant of licences for the import of dry fruits indiscriminately ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the action taken by Government to streamline the policy in this direction ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) No, Sir.

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

Export of Rolling Stock

3598. SHRI GADILINGANA GOWD : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the countries to which India exported railway rolling stock during the year 1967-68 ;

(b) the quantity and value thereof exported to each country ;

(c) the mode of payment ;

(d) whether Government received complaints regarding inferior quality of rolling stock exported ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) and (b). Exports of railway wagons coaches during the year 1967-68 were as follows :

Country	Nos.	Value in Rs. lakhs
<i>(i) Railway Coaches</i>		
Burma	4	10.00
Thailand	3	0.65
<i>(ii) Railway wagons</i>		
Hungary	446	205.92
Kenya	20	5.56

(Authority : Engineering Export Promotion Council)

(c) Export to Hungary is on deferred terms for 4 years ; in all other cases in the normal manner.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Meeting of the Board of Trade

3599. SHRI N. R. LASKAR :
SHRI R. BARUA :
SHRI CHENGALRAYA
NAIDU :

SHRI ONKAR LAL BERWA :
DR. SUSHILA NAYAR :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Board of Trade held its meeting on the 22nd January, 1969 ;

(b) if so, the subjects discussed ; and

(c) the decisions arrived at ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) The meeting of the Board of Trade was held on the 23rd January, 1969 and not on the 22nd January, 1969.

(b) and (c). Four copies of the minutes of the meeting indicating the various subjects discussed have already been placed in the Library of the Parliament House.

The suggestions are under consideration of the Government.

Visit by the Delegation Sponsored by the Indian Council of Foreign Trade

3600. **SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES :**
SHRI RABI RAY :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the members of the delegation sponsored by the Indian Council of Foreign Trade to visit five countries ;

(b) the countries visited by this delegation ;

(c) the total amount of foreign exchange released to the members of delegation ; and

(d) the outcome of the visit of the delegation ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) to (d). The delegation earlier sponsored by the Indian Council of Foreign Trade in September, 1968 has not gone. Fresh proposal will have to be submitted by the Council if they desire to send out a delegation now.

Textile Mill, Mahuva (Gujarat State)

3601. **SHRI R. K. AMIN :** Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a textile mill

at Mahuva in the Gujarat State is closed since 1965 ; and

(b) if so, the efforts made so far to run the mill again and the amount of loans proposed to be given to the Managing Director to run it, from the commercial banks as well as from the State Finance Corporations ?

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

(b) The mill has been taken over by new management which intends to restart it after renovating it. For this purpose, the Gujarat State Financial Corporation has agreed to provide a loan of Rs. 15 lakhs to the Mill-Company on certain terms and conditions. The Gujarat Industrial Investment Corporation Limited, a State Government undertaking has also agreed to underwrite preference shares worth Rs. 5 lakhs of the Mill-Company. The State Bank of Saurashtra has also assured the Mill-Company to provide loan accommodation to the tune of Rs. 17 lakhs for working capital. The management expects to restart the Mill in July-August, 1969.

Soviet South-East Asia Peace Move

3602. **SHRI S. M. BANERJEE :** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Russia has proposed a peace-move in South East Asia ; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government of India thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) Government has no knowledge of any Soviet proposal for a peace move in South East Asia.

(b) Does not arise.

उत्तर प्रदेश में झूतपूर्व सैनिकों को मुक्ति का प्रावण्टम

3603. **कुमारी कमला कुमारी :**
श्री नारायण स्वरूप शर्मा :
श्री राम स्वरूप बिष्टाजी :