

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SU'BHAG SINGH): (a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) The proposal will be examined now.

Aerial Survey of Gujarat

964. SHRI NARENDRA SINGH MAHIDA: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the aerial survey of the mineral resources of Gujarat has been completed;

(b) if so, the findings of the survey completed so far; and

(c) the different minerals which have been located so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS (SHRI JAGANATH RAO): (a) No aerial survey of the mineral resources of Gujarat has been taken up so far.

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

Trade Delegation from Japan

965. SHRI BABURAO PATEL: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of our primary products whose prices were considered high by Mr. Takedhi Okarura, leader of the Japanese trade delegation, and the reasons therefor;

(b) the summary of other talks the delegation had and the salient features of the agreements arrived at, if any;

(c) the summary of the proposals made by the Japanese delegation offering collaboration and the industries suggested by them to improve our foreign income earning capacity; and

(d) Government's reaction to the same?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK): (a) to (d). A Japanese Trade Mission visited India recently to study specifically the prospects of increasing further the exports from India to Japan of pellets, salt, leaf tobacco, prawns, sheep casings oil cakes, precious stones and vegetables and fruits. No agreement was discussed or signed. The Mission was only a fact finding mission, and would report its findings to the Japanese Government. Government of India's reaction to the findings of the Mission would be available after the receipt and examination of the Report of the Mission.

Exports of Steel Rails

966. SHRI BABURAO PATEL:
SHRI P. VISWAMBHARAN:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that steel rails manufactured at Bhilai and exported to some African countries have been returned in the same ships as "rejected"; if so, the reasons for rejection with the quantity and value of goods returned and the amount of freight spent on the two-way journey;

(b) the exact reasons given by the African for refusing the consignment and steps proposed to be taken to set the defects right;

(c) whether Government will institute an inquiry into these defects; if so, when and if not, reasons therefor; and

(d) the consequent loss on this account to Hindustan Steel Limited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI K.C. PANT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.