

by the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation during the year 1967-68; and

(b) the steps Government propose to take to economise the cost of exports ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) During the year 1967-68, the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation suffered no loss.

(b) Government have embarked on several developmental scheme in the field of mining, transport and ports. These schemes include integrated projects for providing mechanical loading facilities at the ports of Visakhapatnam, Paradeep, Madras, Mormogao and Haldia. With the completion of these Projects, considerable economies are likely to be effected in the cost exports of mineral ores.

Second Unit of Bharat Electronics Limited

4467. SHRI M. N. NAGHNOCR : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to start a Second Unit of the Bharat Electronics; and

(b) if so, whether Government are examining the feasibility and advisibility of having the same in Bangalore in the interest of economy and of low cost of production ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) All relevant aspects will be given due consideration before deciding on a suitable location.

Trade Delegation to Japan

4468. SHRI D. N. PATODIA :
SHRI CHENGALRAYA NAIDU :
SHRI N. R. LASKAR :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that an official trade delegation was sent to Japan to assess the possibilities of increased trade with that country; and

(b) if so, the findings of the team ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) No, Sir, no trade delegation was sent recently.

(b) Does not arise.

Loss due to Floods and Landslides in Darjeeling Tea Estates

4469. SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH :
SHRI HIMATSINGKA :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that as a result of the unprecedented floods and landslides in the first week of October, 1968 in Darjeeling, tea estates in Darjeeling suffered heavy loss and some of them have lost as much as 25 per cent of their tea bearing land;

(b) whether the Tea Board had deputed some of its representatives to make on-the-spot study to assess the damage caused to the tea estates in that area;

(c) whether any central aid had been given provisionally to the tea estates for revitalising and whether the life Insurance Corporation of India also gave such aid;

(d) if so, the extent of such aid given by each agency and the form in which such aid has been given; and

(e) whether the on-the-spot study by the Tea Board has been completed and if so, the findings thereof and the further aid proposed to be given to these estates in the light thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND