

(ख) क्या सरकार ने पता लगाया है कि इत प्रक्षेपणास्त्रों के सारे भुग देश के सरकारी कारखानों में बनाए जा सकते हैं;

(ग) क्या सरकार पूर्णरूपेण स्वदेशी प्रक्षेपणास्त्र बनाने का प्रयत्न करेगी ताकि विदेशी सहयोग की आवश्यकता न पड़े; और

(घ) क्या इस उद्देश्य की पूर्ति के लिए सरकार ने वैज्ञानिक अनुसंधान करने वाले व्यक्तियों तथा अपने मंत्रालय के कर्मचारियों की कोई समिति नियुक्त की है और इस समिति को अपना प्रतिवेदन शीघ्र देने के लिए कहा है ?

प्रतिरक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री ल० ना० बिष्णु) : (क) से (घ). यह घोषणा की गई थी कि देश में प्रक्षेपणास्त्र लाइसेंस के अन्तर्गत बनाने के लिए कुछ प्रस्ताव विचाराधीन हैं। वे प्रस्ताव अब भी विचाराधीन हैं। जनहित में व्योरे पर चर्चा नहीं की जा सकती।

Export of Indian Tea to European Common Market Countries

4235. SHRI N. K. SOMANI: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian tea is the most expensive beverage in the European Common Market countries;

(b) if so, the comparable prices and quantities of tea imported by the European Economic Common Market countries from India, Ceylon and other sources; and

(c) the effective steps likely to be taken by Government to improve its market position in the European Economic Common Market Zone?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK): (a) The average price of Indian tea as compared to other teas is the highest in all ECIM countries.

(b) A statement is attached.

Statement

I. Average prices in Rupees per kg. of tea imported during the year 1968 were as follows:—

	Netherlands (Rs.)	Germany (Rs.)	France (Rs.)	Italy* (Rs.)	Belgium (Rs.)
India	8.73	11.02	16.36	9.37	15.21
Ceylon	7.82	10.13	12.87	8.25	9.88
Indonesia	5.01	5.86	N. A.	—	—

II. Imports of tea into the E.C.M. countries during the year 1968 from various countries were as follows:—

	(Figures in thousand Kg.)				
India	2,869	3,974	379	233	16
Ceylon	3,507	2,657	1,721	1,080	69
Indonesia	10,575	1,484	N.A.	—	—
Others	15,871	864	1,053	383	796
Total	32,822	8,979	3,153	1,696	881

*Figures in respect of Italy relate to months ending October, 1968.

(c) The Tea Board has been undertaking promotion of Indian tea in the European Common Market countries since 1964. In spite of the marketing rigidities, many pure Indian tea packets are now being marketed by the local packers. The Board's promotional activities comprise mainly of consumer sampling and store demonstration at focal points; sampling and display in local exhibitions and fairs and limited press advertising in addition to generic promotion for increased consumption of tea.

The fiscal reliefs granted by the Government of India towards excise and export duties on tea in 1968 and 1969 should also in general, help the exports of Indian tea to the E.C.M. market.

Export of Manganese Ore by Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation

4236. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANI-GRAHI: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of manganese ore exported by the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation from May, 1969 to 31st July, 1969 through Ram Bahadur Thakur and Co.; and

(b) the countries to which it has been exported so far?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK): (a) and (b). During the period May, 1969 to 31st July, 1969 Minerals and Metals Trading

Corporation exported 27,214 tonnes of Manganese ore to Czechoslovakia. The ore for this export was obtained from Messrs Ram Bahadur Thakur and Co.

Shortage of X-Ray Films

4237. SHRI MOHAN SWARUP:
SHRI RAM CHARAN:
SHRI P. VISWAMBARAN:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of X-Ray films in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that certain foreign countries are eager to export these films;

(c) if so, whether Government have issued any licences for the import of X-Ray films to meet the shortage; and

(d) if so, the names of the countries who have volunteered to export X-Ray films to India?

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

(b) to (d). The Indian agents of the overseas suppliers from G.D.R., West Germany and U.K. have expressed their readiness to supply X-Ray films. A statement is enclosed giving the required information.

STATEMENT

Licence	Value of licences issued	Country of supply	Remarks
1	2	3	4
(Rupees)			
1. S.T.C.	30 lakhs	G.D.R. 1969 Trade Plan	
S.T.C.	20 lakhs	G.D.R. 1969 Trade Plan	X-ray films worth Rs. 2 lakhs to be air lifted.
2. S.T.C.	10 lakhs	Hungary 1969 Trade Plan	