

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) and (b). No memorandum from jute workers' representatives demanding re-opening and taking over of closed jute mills in West Bengal has been received by the Government. However, the workers representatives submitted, from time to time, representations for consideration of the Industrial Committee on Jute urging that Government should either force the management to re-open the closed mills or take over and run them. There is no proposal at present to take over any of the jute mills in West Bengal.

Criteria for Selection of M.Ps. for U.N. Delegations

1459. SHRI KARTIK ORAON : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the criteria for the selection of Members of Parliament to be sent on delegation to the United Nations ;

(b) the total number of Members of Parliament so far sent in delegation to the United Nations ?

(c) the total number of members of Scheduled Castes sent as delegates to the United Nations ; and

(d) the total number of members of Scheduled Tribes sent as delegates to the United Nations ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a). Indian delegates to the U.N. General Assembly Sessions represent the Government of India. Consequently, the main criterion is that delegates should be in agreement with Government's policies. The additional criteria include the ability of the delegates concerned to project Government policies properly and to support them fully in the U.N.

(b) 74.

(c) and (d). The required information

is being collected and will be furnished in due course.

Indo-Nepal Trade

1460. SHRI MAHANT DIGVIJAI NATH :
SHRI RAMACHANDRA VEE-
RAPP :
SHRI SITARAM KESRI :
SHRI D. AMAT :
SHRI J. K. CHOUDHURY :
SHRI G. C. NAIK.

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

(a) whether in a recent statement issued by the Prime Minister of Nepal, he has offered better trade arrangements between India and Nepal :

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto ?

(c) whether Nepal has also sought for more trade facilities from India ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) Government are not aware of any such statement on the subject by the Prime Minister of Nepal.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). The Government of Nepal have sought some additional facilities primarily in regard to transit trade through India. This and other matters will come up for discussion shortly when the representatives of the two Governments meet to review trade arrangements.

Fall in Export of Cotton

1461. SHRI SITARAM KESRI : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the quality of cotton exported by India to other