

Import of Copra and Coconut Oil

*192. SHRI A. NEELALOHITHADASAN NADAR:
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the action of Government in allowing the import of Copra and Coconut Oil is adversely affecting coconut growers of Kerala; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose taking a firm stand by not allowing the import of Copra and Coconut Oil ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) There have been representations that import of Copra and Coconut Oil has adversely affected the interests of growers in Kerala.

(b) Import of these items is currently canalised through State Trading Corporation. The canalising agency has not made imports. It has also no proposal at present to make imports. There is, however, a provision under which limited imports of these items can take place for export production under the Import Policy for Registered Exporters.

Assistance to Uganda for Developing Mining Industry

*195. SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE ALLURI :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Uganda Government has sought

assistance for developing its mining industry, and

(b) if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. During the official level discussions between Ugandan delegation led by the Minister of Cooperatives and Marketing, Uganda and the Indian side led by Secretary (ER), Ministry of External Affairs, in the first week of November, 1981, the Uganda side expressed interest in obtaining assistance in development of their iron ore and phosphate. It was agreed that an Indian technical team would be deputed early to Uganda for making a preliminary survey with a view to identifying the type of assistance that Uganda may require for development of their iron ore and phosphate.

जोधपुर और राजकोट का दर्जा बढ़ाना

*196. श्री अशोक गहलोत : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने राजस्थान में जोधपुर और गुजरात में राजकोट को बी-2 श्रेणी का दर्जा देने के लिए तत्काल जनगणना के आंकड़े मंगाये हैं क्या जनगणना वि.ग. से आंकड़े प्राप्त हो गये हैं ;

(ख) निकट भविष्य में पूरे देश में, श्रेणीवार, कितने शहरों का दर्जा बढ़ाये जाने की संभावना है; और

(ग) इस प्रकार की घोषणा कब तक किये जाने की सम्भावना है ?