

ter between the Kerala and Tamilnadu governments about exchange of power for water. I want an answer to this question.

SHRI M RAMGOPAL REDDY : The next question about the export of mangoes and bananas is very important

MR SPEAKER All right, I am going to that question

SHRI G. C. DIXIT He is not seen here

SHRI R S PANDFY Sir, he is in the library. He has authorised me to ask the question

MR SPEAKER you have quietly accepted the authorisation? I do not authorise you ask the question

Report of Committee regarding Export Promotion Council

*152 SHRI N. F. HORO Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state

(a) whether the Committee appointed by Government to go into the functioning of the Export Promotion Council has submitted its report, and

(b) if so, the salient features of the recommendations made by the Committee and whether Government have accepted these recommendations?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A C GEORGE) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) A statement giving the desired information is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

The Committee's recommendations, which are under examination, are broadly intended to provide for

- (i) periodical reviews of the working of the Export Promotion Councils;
- (ii) strengthening the elective as well as the service elements in the admini-

stration of the Councils to increase their efficiency as agencies for export promotion,

- (iii) development of specialisation for dealing with problems of export relating to the main categories of products assigned to each of the larger Councils;
- (iv) effective participation of exporters from the small scale sector in the work of the Export Promotion Councils and greater responsiveness of the Council to the problems of exporters from this sector;
- (v) augmentation of the financial resources of the export Promotion Councils, more especially for their activities, such as market studies, foreign publicity through various media, etc.,
- (vi) greater liberty to the Councils in their working to minimise delays and ensure speedier action, and
- (vii) more purposeful inter action between the Councils, the Government institutions like the trade Development Authority and the trade for the achievement of the common objective of significantly expanding the country's exports.

SHRI N F HORO : May I know whether the Ministry will consider and examine the recommendations of this committee and bring forward definite proposals during this session of the House?

SHRI A C GEORGE : These suggestions are being considered. I cannot give any definite commitment whether it can be done during this session.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Issue of Railway Passes to Co-operative Societies having Parcels and Goods Handling Contracts

*443 SHRI AZIZI MAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state.

(a) whether certain co-operative societies having parcel and goods handling contract have been issued Railway Passes for arranging labourers from out-stations for efficient running of the Railway works;

(b) if so, whether this privilege has been extended to all the societies doing similar work; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to bring about uniformity in the matter of issue of Railway passes to the said Societies ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). One Labour Co-operative Society having parcel and goods handling contract on the Northern Railway is issued with passes as per agreement. This facility will be withdrawn when a new contract is allotted.

आमों और केलों का निर्यात

*451. श्री गंगा चरण दीक्षित : क्या विदेश व्यापार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या वर्ष 1971 में आमों और केलों के निर्यात में काफी वृद्धि हुई है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो 1970 और 1971 में निर्यात के तुलनात्मक आंकड़े क्या हैं; और

(ग) इन फलों के निर्यात को और बढ़ाने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

विदेश व्यापार मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (श्री ए० सी० जार्ज) : (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) निर्यात योग्य किस्म के केलों का उत्पादन, प्रमुख पतनों के आसपास, बढ़ाने के लिए अत्युच्च पंचवर्षीय योजना के अन्तर्गत केला प्रोजेक्ट कार्यक्रम के सम्बन्ध में केन्द्रीय स्तर पर आयोजित एक स्कीम तैयार की गई है।

निर्यातों को बढ़ाने के उद्देश्य से ताजा फलों के निर्यात के लिए, जिनमें आम भी शामिल हैं, विमान भाड़े में इमदाद देने की एक स्कीम भी विचाराधीन है।

International Machine Tool Exhibition at Hanover

*453. SHRI M.M. JOSEPH : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether IMTMA has urged the Government to encourage Indian manufacturers to participate in a big way in the International Machine Tool Exhibition to be held at Hanover in 1973; and

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

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEGRGE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Agreement with Ceylon regarding export of tea.

*454. SHRI S. C. SAMANTA : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any common ground has been found between India and Ceylon in so far as export of tea is concerned; and

(b) if so, the broad features of the agreement ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) and (b). India and Ceylon have agreed to work in close cooperation in marketing of tea and have, since 1970, worked a joint Export Quota under the aegis of the Food and Agriculture Organisation. The joint Export Quota for India and Ceylon for tea exports during the 15 months period ending March, 1972 is 506 thousand tonnes, while the intention is that the Joint Export Quota is to be shared more or less on 50 : 50 basis by the two countries, the short fall in the exports of one country