

Depression in Coal Industry

*1393, Shri S. S. Kathari:
 Shri E. N. Seshadri:
 Shri Brij Raj Singh:
 Shri K. K. Nayar:
 Shri Bharat Singh Chauhan:
 Shri S. K. Taguriah:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a depression in the coal industry;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to remedy the situation?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Steel, Mines and Metals (Shri P. C. Sethi): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Indo-UAR Trade

*1394, Shri D. N. Patodia:
 Shri A. Sreedharan:
 Shri K. Lakkappa:
 Shri Mangalathumadom:
 Shri R. Barua:
 Shri Yashpal Singh:
 Shri K. P. Singh Deo:
 Shri Kameshwar Singh:
 Shri Shankre:
 Shri N. K. Somani:
 Shri Virendrakumar Shah:
 Shri P. C. Adlehan:
 Shri Manibhai J. Patel:
 Shri Sradhakar Supakar:
 Shri D. N. Deb:
 Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
 Shri Y. S. Kuswah:
 Shri Raghavir Singh Shastri:
 Shri Hukam Chand Kachwal:
 Shri Ram Avtar Sharma:
 Shri Atam Das:
 Shri Shiy Kumar Shastri:
 Dr. Surya Prakash Furi:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) Government's assessment of the impact of the Israel-UAR War on the Indo-UAR trade and also on the

Indian trade with other Arab countries; and

(b) the measures planned to improve trade relations with those countries?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) There is a considerable unsatisfied demand in the United Arab Republic and some other Arab countries for the type of goods which Indian producers and suppliers are in a position to meet. The exports to these countries are likely to increase in the coming months.

(b) Our Missions are in touch with the local situation and have been reporting on requirements which can be met by Indian suppliers. The Federation of Indian Export Organisations is sponsoring the visit of three Trade Teams. One of these Teams leaves for Cairo to-night. The other two Teams will be leaving for other markets during the course of the next week. Facilities are being provided for individual businessmen wishing to visit these markets. The State Trading Corporation is also taking active steps to promote sales to these markets.

Manufacture of Domestic Gas Cylinders

*1395, Shri Nitiraj Singh Chandhary:
 Shri G. S. Mishra:

Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the number of units fabricating domestic gas cylinders during the last three years;

(b) whether they are not able to utilise their full capacity either due to dearth of raw material or some other reasons and yet a new licence has been given to M/s. Aikhya Metals, Hyderabad, a Birla concern; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?