U.A.R. Trade Delegation

*108, Shri R. S. Vidyarthi:

Shri D. C. Sharma:

Shri Remachandra Ulaka:

Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:

Shri Heerji Bhai: Shri E. Barua:

Shri Maharaj Singh Bharati: Shri D. N. Patodia:

Shri C. C. Desai:

Shri A. B. Vajpayee:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a U.A.R. Trade Delegation visited India in April, 1967 and whether any talks were held on the trade relations between the two countries; and
- (b) if so, the main features there-
- The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) Yes, Sir. A trade delegation from U.A.R. visited India in April, 1967 to review the trade between India and U.A.R. during 1966-67 and to finalise a trade arrangement for 1967-68.
- (b) The main features of the trade arrangement for 1967-68 are:
 - The trade exchanges during 1967-68 will be of the order of Rs. 800 million.
 - (ii) The main items of imports into India are cotton, rice, rock phosphate and petroleum products.
 - (iii) The main items of exports are tea, jute manufactures, tobacco, spices, chemicals, steel, engineering goods etc.

Import of Russian Tractors

*100. Shri S. M. Banerjee: Shri Madhu Limaye: Shri Ram Singh Ayarwal: Shri Hukam Chand Kachwal: Shri Nitiraj Shagh Chandkary:

. Will the Minister of Commerce be

- (a) whether complaints have been lodged with the State Trading Corporation that Russian tractors are being supplied at higher rates by the Indian Engineering and Commercial Corporation Pvt. Ltd., Bombay to the agriculturists of Madhya Pradesh; and
- (b) if so, whether any enquiry has been made in this regard and the result thereof?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Digesh Singh); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Trading Corporation is enquiring into the matter.

Textiles Industry

*110. Shri Ram Kishan Gupta: Shri Virendra Kumar Shah:

Will the Minister of Commerce bepleased to refer to his statement made in Lok Sabha on the 8th April, 1967 and state at what stage the proposal to set up a Special Committee to suggest structural remedies for the chronic problems of the textiles industry stands?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): The matter is under consideration. Some preliminary discussions have taken place.

Perfume-making Plant

•111. Shri Indrajit Gupta: Dr. Ranen Sen: Shri Dhireway Kalita: Shri S. Supakar: Shri N. R. Laskar: Shri Yashpal Singh: Shri S. C. Samanta:

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

- (a) whether Government have received an offer from a foreign business concern to set up a big perfume-making plant in India;
- (b) whether the offer is under activeconsideration, and if so, its terms and conditions; and