

अफगानिस्तान से फलों से लदे ट्रकों का पाकिस्तान द्वारा रोक जाना

* 804. श्री रामगोपाल शासवाल : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारत के लिये अफगानिस्तान से फलों से लदे 100 ट्रक पाकिस्तान सरकार द्वारा रोक लिये गये हैं जिसके परिणामस्वरूप भारत को चमन के फलों से वंचित होना पड़ा और पठान व्यापारियों को लाखों रुपये की हानि उठानी पड़ी; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार ने इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री दिनेश सिंह) :

(क) सरकार को इसकी जानकारी नहीं है ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Supply of Iron Ore to Japan from Bailadilla

* 805. SHRI S. R. DAMANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new agreement has been negotiated with Japan to supply about 1.5 million tonnes of iron ore from Bailadilla during the year 1968-69 and, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether all necessary facilities have been created for smooth handling of iron ore exports at various stages, beginning from mining to loading at ports?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. A contract for supply of 1.55 million tonnes, with option of another 0.25 million tonnes of Bailadilla iron ore during the year 1968-69 has been concluded with the Japanese Steel Mills.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Ban on Import of Indian Cigarettes in Nepal

* 806. SHRI SRADHAKAR SUPA-KAR:

SHRI YASHWANT SINGH KUSHWAH:
SHRI Y. A. PRASAD:
SHRI R. K. SINHA:
SHRI K. N. PANDEY:
SHRI HEM BARUA:
SHRI D. C. SHARMA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Nepal has recently banned the import of Indian cigarettes into that country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the extent to which India's trade is likely to be affected thereby;

(c) whether Government have held discussion with the Government of Nepal; and

(d) if so, the result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) and (b). On 21st October, 1968, the Government of Nepal issued a notification under the Essential Commodity Control (Powers) Act prohibiting sale and distribution of cigarettes imported from India in the whole of the Kingdom of Nepal. In a subsequent notification issued on 25th October, 1968, it was clarified by them that the restrictions in question applied only to the cigarettes not marked as "Export for Nepal". There is no ban as such on imports of cigarettes from India into Nepal.

(c) and (d). Among other things, the question of import and distribution of cigarettes into Nepal from India was discussed during the Ministerial level talks held in Kathmandu in November, 1968. It was agreed that H. M. G. of Nepal would evolve and notify non-discriminatory procedures for import of cigarettes into Nepal.

Geological Survey in Kashmir

* 807. SHRI MANIBHAI J. PATEL: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Geological survey in Kashmir has recently revealed some new metals and minerals there; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?