

अफगानिस्तान से फलों से लदे ट्रकों का पाकिस्तान द्वारा रोका 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?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) and (b): Salt deposits have been located around the Tso-Kar lake in the Rupshu area of Ladakh district, during the 1967-68 field season. Other mineral deposits located in Jammu and Kashmir include lignite, borax, sulphur, bauxite, limestone, gypsum and graphite.

Training of personnel for Steel plants

* 808. SHRI BASUMATARI: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India will not have to depend on foreign countries for training of personnel for steel plants; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that there are adequate facilities and trained people in India to train the personnel for setting up steel plants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL MINES AND METALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) By and large, the requirements of technical training for the operation and maintenance of Steel Plants can be met within the country. Foreign training is generally necessary for the operation/maintenance of new types of equipments which may be installed for the first time and for the study of new equipments elsewhere and improvements in existing equipments in advanced countries.

(b) Although considerable expertise has developed in the matter of design and preparation of Detailed Project Reports etc. and the Hindustan Steel Works Construction Ltd. has been set up by Government for the construction of future Steel Plants, foreign assistance may still be necessary for some time to come for the construction/erection, commissioning etc. of Steel Plants.

Sale of Imported Nylon Yarn by S.T.C.

* 809. SHRI R. K. AMIN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Trading Corporation had imported nylon yarn which was auctioned in the market;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the indigenous manufacturers were in a position to supply nylon yarn at that time; and

(c) if so, the reasons for wasting our precious foreign exchange on its import?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Nylon yarn has been imported by S. T. C. only to fill the gap between the indigenous demand and supply.

(c) Does not arise.

Special Police Establishment Report on Lakshmiratan Cotton Mills Co. Limited, Kanpur

* 810. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any report on the investigations made by the Special Police Establishment into the First Information Report filed by the Company Affairs Department in 1966 against the Lakshmiratan Cotton Mills Co. Ltd., Kanpur, has been submitted to Government; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A charge-sheet has been filed against the management for the offence of criminal conspiracy to commit criminal breach of trust.

Geological Survey of Limestone Deposits near Dharamsala

4734. SHRI HEM RAJ: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3502 on the 8th December, 1967 and state:

(a) whether the report of the Geological Survey of India regarding the Limestone Deposits near Dharamsala has since been completed;