

Commercial Attaches in Indian Missions Abroad

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Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) the main functions of the Commercial Attaches and similar officers in the Indian Missions and Embassies abroad, and whether they have full time job ; and

(d) the assistance given by such Officers in popularising Indian goods abroad with a view to step up our export ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOUDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

The Commercial Attaches in the Indian Missions and Embassies abroad have full time jobs and are responsible for the following with a view to step up our exports :—

- (i) Advise and assist Heads of Missions on broad issues of trade, industry and finance ;
- (ii) submit periodic reports to the Government of India on commercial and economy matters ;
- (iii) reply to trade enquiries, assist the visiting Indian business men and trade delegations, conduct market survey of selected commodities, forward samples of items imported from foreign countries which can be manufactured and exported from India, settle trade disputes arising out of claims of trade with India, forward tender forms from Government, semi-Government and private Agencies, etc. ;
- (iv) maintain library of Indian and local trade publications, organise exhibitions and fairs, maintain show rooms and trade centres for display and sale of Indian products ;
- (v) give publicity to India's export potentialities through periodic hand-outs, bulletins, lectures, radio talks etc. ;
- (vi) keep in touch with local Chambers of Commerce and trade organisa-

tions, firms, banks etc., interested in trade with India ;

- (vii) maintain details of Indian commercial community ; their business connections and capital investment etc. ;
- (viii) maintain Liaison with S. T. C., M. M. T. C. and H. H. E. C. representatives.

अमेरिका से रुई का आयात

*580. श्री रणजीत सिंह :
श्री बेवराब पाटिल :
श्री नम्बियार :
श्री अ० कु० गोपालन :
श्री के० रत्नानी :
श्री राममूर्ति :

क्या बंबेसिक ब्यापार तथा पूर्ति मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या अमेरिका से रुई का आयात करने का कोई प्रस्ताव विचाराधीन है ;

(ख) यदि हां तो उसका ब्योरा क्या है ;
और

(ग) भारत की आर्थिक स्थिति तथा सूती कपड़ा उद्योग पर इस का सम्भावित प्रभाव क्या होगा ?

बंबेसिक ब्यापार तथा पूर्ति मन्त्री (श्री ब० रा० अगत) : (क) तथा (ख). पी० एम्० 480 रुई के आर्डर के लिए संयुक्त राज्य अमेरीकी प्राधिकारियों के साथ बातचीत चल रही है ।

(ग) आयातों का अछड़ा प्रभाव पड़ने की सम्भावना है ।

Export of Rail Wagons to U. S. S. R.

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SHRI SITARAM KESRI :
SHRIMATI TARA SAPRE :
SHRI S. KUNDU :
SHRI SRINIBAS MISRA :
SHRI SURENDRANATH
DWIVEDI :
SHRI S. M. KRISHANA :