

प्रदर्शनियों में भाग लेना आदि। वर्ष 1964 में स्थापित किये गये ब्रसेल्स स्थित खाद्य उत्पादन सम्बन्धी भारतीय कार्यालय भी आयातकों, खुदरा व्यापारियों, उपभोक्ताओं तथा पश्चिम योरुप में खाद्य मदों से सम्बन्धित संस्थाओं के स्तर पर, भारतीय काजू के लिए, विशेषतः छिलके सहित काजू के लिए, जिससे अन्य प्रतियोगियों की तुलना में निर्यातित भारतीय काजू की प्रतिशतता अधिक बनती है, संवर्धन सम्बन्धी कार्य कर रहा है। काजू उद्योग के आधुनिकीकरण हेतु सुविधाएं विचाराधीन हैं। कच्चे काजू के स्वदेशी उत्पादन को बढ़ाने के लिए भी उपाय किये जा रहे हैं।

Talks with Soviet Leaders on Kashmir

*646. SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA:
SHRI BANSH NARAIN SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he had talks with the Soviet leaders about Kashmir when he visited Moscow in September, 1969; and

(b) if so, whether the Soviet Leaders assured him that U.S.S.R. would support India on Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH):

(a) and (b). Soviet leaders have reiterated that their stand on Kashmir remains unchanged.

Eye Operation Camps Opened by India in Nepal

*647. SHRI D. N. PATODIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Embassy at Kathmandu recently opened some camps for the purpose of performing eye operations in Nepal;

(b) whether the services of Indian Doctors in these camps were given completely free;

(c) if so, the number of persons who were operated upon or treated by the Indian Doctors; and

(d) whether Government have sent similar teams in other Asian countries in the recent past or propose to send and if so, the particulars thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) 11,303 patients were treated; 1478 eye operations were performed; 1170 cases of correction of refractory errors were done, and 738 patients were provided with free glasses.

(d) Government have not sent such teams to any other country, so far.

Closure of Jute Mills

*648. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 425 on the 19th November, 1969 and state:

(a) the names of Jute Mills which were closed for lack of finances between September and October, 1969;

(b) whether Government propose to conduct any inquiry into the actual financial position of such mills;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Kankannarah Company Ltd., despite an accumulated debit balance of Rs. 80 lakhs has recently raised emoluments of its Managing Directors to undesirable levels;

(d) whether the National Company Ltd., has obtained loans of over Rs. 3 crores from the State Bank of India against non-existent stocks of jute; and

(e) if so, the action proposed to be taken in case of such mills to avoid their closure?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT): (a) and (b). Two mills, namely, Naskarpara Jute Mills and Alliance Jute Mills have remained closed for lack of finances for some time and these

two mills continued to remain closed during September and October 1969 also. The Jute Commissioner is examining the possibility of having these mills reopened.

(c) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Effect of Britains Joining European ' Common Market on India's Trade

*649. SHRI SHRI CHAND GOYAL: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Britain has been attracted more to the European Common Market with the result that there has been a big drop in India's trade; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to make up the deficiency in that trade?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT): (a) and (b). There has been a declining trend in our trade with the U.K. We are taking measures to reverse the declining trend in our exports to the U.K.

Britain has been trying to enter the European Economic Community since 1961. According to the recent press reports, negotiations for Britain's membership of the E.E.C. might begin in 1970. If there is any danger of decline in our exports to the U.K., which is directly attributable to U.K.'s membership of the E.E.C., India will take appropriate steps to have her interests safeguarded in bilateral as well as multilateral discussions in connection with Britain's application for membership of the E.E.C. and will try to negotiate arrangements which will provide adequate compensation to India's trade.

Intrusion of Pakistani Vessels Near Okha

*650. SHRI BENI SHANKER SHARMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether eight Pakistani mechanised vessels intruded into Saurashtra coastal waters near Okha in the

last week of October and first week of November, 1969 with 142 Pakistanis aboard;

(b) whether probing into naval establishments on the Saurashtra coast and securing vital strategic information about Indian territorial water viz-a-viz naval defence lines was the possible motive behind the sudden intrusion; and

(c) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken against the vessels seized and persons arrested?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA): (a) to (c). Attention is invited to the answer given by the Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs to Unstarred Question No. 2883 dated 5th December, 1969.

Export of Marine Products

*651. SHRI VASUDEVAN NAIR: SHRI P. C. ADICHAN:

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to set up the export of marine products;

(b) whether, as a result of these steps there has been any increase in the export of marine products in the years 1968 and 1969;

(c) if so, the actual increase registered in case of each item;

(d) the additional foreign exchange earned therefrom; and

(e) the targets of production and exports of each of these items fixed for the fourth Five-Year Plan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI RAM SEWAK): (a) The following measures have been taken to step up the export of marine products from India:—

(i) A programme of mechanisation of fish catch and landings, processing, canning and freezing has been undertaken to improve methods of production;