

वैदेशिक-कार्य मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री सुरेन्द्रपाल सिंह) : (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) और (ग). सरकार ने सोवियत प्राधिकारियों का ध्यान भारतीय राजनीतिक दलों और महत्वपूर्ण व्यक्तियों की उन आलोचनात्मक टिप्पणियों की ओर दिलाया है जिनका प्रसारण 'रेडियो पीस एण्ड प्रोग्रेस' के माध्यम से हुआ है। सोवियत सरकार की स्थिति यह रही है कि यह रेडियो केन्द्र एक स्वतंत्र व्यवस्थापन है और उनके अधिभूत रेडियो केन्द्र ऐसी टिप्पणियां नहीं करते जिन पर सरकार आपत्ति उठा सकती है।

Increase in Textile Exports to U. S. A.

*731. SHRI V. NARASIMHA RAO: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United States Government has indicated to increase India's quota of textile exports to that country;

(b) if so, the amount of increase indicated by the United States; and

(c) what additional incentive which Government propose to give to the exporters of textiles to the United States?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI RAM SEWAK): (a) Not yet.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no such proposal. Exports of cotton textiles to the U.S.A. are moving satisfactorily within the quota for the year 1969-70.

Reaction to Pathet Lao's request for Standstill Cease Fire

*732. SHRI M. L. SONDHI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a proposal of the Pathet Lao for a standstill cease fire;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) whether Government of India are prepared to offer their good offices and hospitality for a meeting between Prince Souvanna Phouma and Prince Souvanaphong to promote peace and neutrality in Laos?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Government have seen the recent proposals by the Lao Patriotic Front.

(b) Government welcome the desire of the Laotian parties to come to a settlement.

(c) Government will certainly consider such a request if it is received from both the parties.

Release of Nylon Yarn by S. T. C. during 1969

*733. SHRI MADHU LIMAYE: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) the total demand for nylon yarn received by the State Trading Corporation from the Consumers' Associations for each month during 1969;

(b) the total quantity of nylon yarn of different varieties released by the State Trading Corporation month-wise to the different Consumers' Associations; and

(c) in case the demand for nylon yarn was not met in full, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI RAM SEWAK): (a) to (c). There is no system of S.T.C. receiving demand for nylon yarn from Consumers' Association. The imported nylon yarn is allotted by the S.T.C. to the Consumers' Association registered with it in accordance with the prescribed pattern of distribution. Actual releases are made on the Associations' making full payment within the prescribed period. The quantities so released monthwise during 1969 are indicated in the Statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-3049/70]. The quantities for which payments are not received and remained unlifted are reallocated.