

वस्त्र उद्योग के लिए उपकरण एवं हिस्से शामिल हैं। जहां भी व्यवहार्य हो, हमने सहायता देने की इच्छा प्रकट की है।

#### Export of Iron Ore to Japan

\*1599. **Shri P. N. Solanki:** Will the the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that our steel industry is facing a market and price crisis as regards the export of iron ore to Japan due to Japan's entry in the world market; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to meet the tough competition?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh):** (a) It is presumed the Hon'ble Member wishes to know whether the export of Indian iron ore to Japan is having any adverse effect on Indian steel industry's competitiveness in foreign markets. If so, the answer in the present situation would be in the negative.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Licensed Porters and Vendors

\*1600. **Shri Balgovind Verma:**  
**Shri Kindar Lal:**  
**Dr. Mahadeva Prasad:**  
**Shri K. D. Tripathi:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of licensed porters and vendors working on Railways;

(b) the Railway-wise break-up of such licensed porters and vendors; and

(c) the steps taken for their betterment after the nationalization of Railways?

**The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha):** (a) to (c). A statement is placed on the table of the Sabha. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1329/68].

#### Export of Silk and Rayon Textiles

\*1601. **Shri Yogendra Sharma:**  
**Shri A. Sreedharan:**  
**Shri Kameshwar Singh:**  
**Shri Shiva Chandra Jha:**  
**Shri Virendrakumar Shah:**  
**Shri D. N. Patodia:**  
**Shri K. M. Koushik:**  
**Shri Ram Avtar Sharma:**  
**Shri Atam Das:**  
**Shri Raghuvir Singh Shastri:**  
**Shri Y. S. Kushwah:**  
**Shri Hukam Chand Kachwai:**  
**Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:**  
**Shri Shiv Kumar Shastri:**  
**Dr. Surya Prakash Puri:**

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Silk and Rayon Textile Export Promotion Council has recently directed its members not to supply or offer any goods to the State Trading Corporation for export;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the decision of the Silk and Rayon Export Promotion Council to boycott the S.T.C. will affect the export of silk and rayon textiles;

(d) if so, to what extent; and

(e) what steps have been taken to resolve the conflict between the S.T.C. and the Silk and Rayon Promotion Council regarding export of silk and rayon textiles?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Commerce (Shri Shafi Qureshi):** (a) Yes, Sir. The Committee of Administration of the Silk & Rayon Textiles Export Promotion Council passed such a resolution. However, they have since withdrawn this Resolution of non-cooperation with the S.T.C.

(b) It was stated that this had been done to highlight their demands.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.