

(e) Government has initiated discussions with the members of the Council with a view to working out a more detailed scheme for the promotion of exports of art silk fabrics.

### रेयन के कपड़े का निर्यात

- \*1902. श्री मोलहू प्रसाद :  
श्री मधु लिमये :  
श्री रवि राय :  
श्री रघुबीर सिंह शास्त्री :

क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि राज्य व्यापार निगम ने रेयन के कपड़े का निर्यात करने के बारे में कनाडा के साथ एक करार किया है;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उसकी मुख्य बातें क्या हैं ;

(ग) क्या निर्यात संवर्द्धन परिषद ने इस करार में स्वीकार की मतो पर आपत्ति की है; और

(घ) यदि हाँ, तो इस मामले में सरकार ने क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री दिनेश सिंह):

(क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) से (घ). प्रश्न नहीं उठते ।

### Recession in Engineering Industry

- \*1603. Shri D. N. Patodia:  
Shri R. Barua:

Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Engineering Association of India has made certain suggestions to Gov-

ernment to help the engineering industry out of the current recession; and

(b) if so, the nature of the suggestions made by the said association and whether Government have finalised consideration of those suggestions?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

### State Trading in Raw Jute

\*1604. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether the jute mill workers numbering about 2,40,000 in West Bengal observed a day's strike on the 17th July, 1967 to press for the settlement of their demands which included *inter alia* the introduction of State Trading in raw jute;

(b) whether their demand has been looked into; and

(c) if so, the action proposed to be taken in the matter?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Necessary steps have been taken to ensure that prices of raw jute, whether at Calcutta or at the up-country market centres are not allowed to fall below the minimum support prices already fixed. State Trading will be resorted to if necessary and to the extent necessary for this purpose.

### Import of Capital Goods

- \*1605. Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:  
Shri D. N. Tiwary:

Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reduce heavily the import of capi-