

sent back to India during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as possible.

Development of tea technology in North Bengal

1723. SHRI PRASENJIT BARMAN:

SHRI JAHARLAL BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to develop tea technology in North Bengal;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN): (a) to (c) Work on development of tea technology in North East India including North Bengal is already being conducted by the Tea Research Association at Tocklai, Jorhat and Darjeeling Tea Research Centre at Kurseong.

Scooter advance

1724. SHRI BHABANI CHARAN PATTANAYAK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have a proposal under their consideration to raise the amount of scooter advance from 3500 to 5000 in the first instance and from Rs. 2700 to 4000 for the second advance in view of the rise in prices of scooters; and

(b) if so, by when a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SAWAI SINGH SISODIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise, Sir.

1725. [Transferred to the 12th March, 1981.]

Import of Coking Coal

1726. SHRI BHABANI CHARAN PATTANAYAK:

SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:

SHRI D. HEERACHAND:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that SAIL has deferred its decision to sign contract for import of one million tonnes prime quality washed coking coal from the U.S. and Canada; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) No, Sir. SAIL is already receiving coking coal from Canada. Against the global tenders issued in August, 1980 for supply of one million-tonnes of coking coal, letters of intent have been issued on 9-2-1981 for import of 0.6 million tonnes from Canada, Australia and U.S.A.

Allocation of funds to States for development of tourism

1727. SHRI BHABANI CHARAN PATTANAYAK: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to allocate funds to the States for the development of tourism in those States: