

only the cylinders which are tested and certified to be according to the specifications laid down by the Indian Standard Institution.

(c) Does not arise.]

ENQUIRY IN TO BALARAMVARMA TEXTILE MILLS, SHENCOTTAH

827. DR. K. MATHEW KURIAN : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Committee appointed under the Chairmanship of Shri C. A. Subramaniam, to investigate into the affairs of the Balaramvarma Textile Mills, Shencottah, Tamil Nadu has submitted its report to Government; and

(b) if so, what are its main recommendations and what decision Government have taken thereon ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A.C. GEORGE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Committee has recommended that the management of the mill may be taken over by Government under section 18A of the Industries (Development & Regulation) Act. The Committee's recommendations are being considered.

RAILWAY TRACK FOR WEST COAST

828. SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL :
DR. K. NAGAPPA ALVA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to lay railway track on the West Coast; and

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

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) and (b) Engineering Reconnaissance and Traffic

Surveys for a new line from Apta to Mangalore in the West Coast region have been completed and the survey reports have recently been received in the Board's office.

A decision regarding the construction of this line will be taken after the survey reports are examined by the Board from all angles and the results thereof become known.

EXPORTS OF SANTINIKETAN BAGS AND PURSES

829. SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the manufacturers of famous Santiniketan bags and purses in West Bengal have not been able to cope with their export commitments of goods worth 150,000 U.S. Dollars by July this year; if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : Yes, Sir. The reasons are great demand in foreign markets for tanned sheepskin, which is used for the manufacture of Santiniketan leather bags and purses, and the exorbitant prices of this type of leather in India.

OVERBRIDGE AT KULTI STATION

830. DR. R. K. CHAKRABARTI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether Government's attention has been drawn to the public demand for an overbridge at the crossing of the Kulti railway station in West Bengal; if so, the action so far taken in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : Yes. As per extant procedure, the proposals for construction of road over/under bridges in replacement of existing busy level crossings are to be sponsored by the State Government/Road Authority who also give an undertaking to bear their share of the cost.

In a meeting held with the Railway, the State Government have agreed to sponsor the proposal for replacement of the existing level crossing by an overbridge between Kultu and Barakar Railway Stations. Formal proposal from the State Government indicating the site for the proposed bridge and alignment of the road approaches has, however, not yet been received by the Railway.

DEMAND FOR INDIAN FILMS IN BANGLA DESH

831. SARDAR AMJAD ALI : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Bengali and Hindi films so far exported to Bangla Desh; and

(b) whether Government have so far made any assessment of the demand of Indian Films in Bengali in Bangla Desh and if so, the result thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A.C. GEORGE) : (a) and (b) The Trade Agreement between India and Bangladesh provides for exports of cinema films of the value of Rs. 15 lakhs to Bangladesh and for the import upto Rs. 15 lakhs of cinema films from Bangladesh. It has been agreed between the two Governments that trade in cinema films would be handled by the Indian Motion Pictures Export Corporation and the Film Development Corporation of Bangladesh. The two agencies are in touch with each other to settle arrangements for the trade in films.

हरी चाय का उत्पादन

832. श्रीमती लक्ष्मी कुमारी चूंडावत :

श्री राई सिंह रिसोदिया :

(क) क्या विदेश व्यापार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पिछले कुछ वर्षों में हरी चाय के उत्पादन में अत्यधिक गिरावट आई है;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि भारतीय हरी चाय की जापान और मास्को की मंडियों में अत्यधिक मांग है, और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका उत्पादन बढ़ाने के लिए क्या किया जा रहा है ?

†[GREEN TEA PRODUCTION

832. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI KUMARI CHUNDAWAT :

SHRI SWAISINGH SISODIA :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of green tea has declined considerably during the last few years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is great demand for India's green tea in the markets of Japan and Moscow; and

(c) if so, what action is being taken to augment its production ?

विदेश व्यापार मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (श्री ए० सी० जार्ज) : (क) हरी चाय का उत्पादन पिछले कुछ वर्षों में निम्नोक्त आंकड़ों के अनुसार घटता-बढ़ता रहा :—

| वर्ष | माला लाख कि० ग्रा० में |
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| 1967 . . . | 5.1 |
| 1968 . . . | 7.4 |
| 1969 . . . | 8.2 |
| 1970 . . . | 8 0 |
| 1971 . . . | 5 3 |

(ख) मास्को तथा जापान में हरी चाय की काफी मांग है ।

(ग) हरी चाय के उत्पादन को बढ़ाने के उद्देश्य से अपेक्षित विशिष्ट चाय मशीनरी के आयात में चाय

†[] English translation.