

AD-HOC PAYMENT TO PRIVY PURSE HOLDERS

206. SHRI MULKA GOVINDA REDDY :

SHRI N. G. GORAY :

SHRI BANKA BEHARY DAS :

SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to make ad-hoc payment to privy purse holders pending finalisation of the transitional arrangements; and

(b) if so, whether the holders of huge privy purse are being exempted from this arrangement ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) and (b) Suggestions have been made for ad-hoc payments to former Rulers to mitigate their hardship due to the discontinuance of the privy purse. The suggestions are under examination along with the scheme of transitional payments proposed to be made to former Rulers.

TEA CORPORATION

207. SHRI CHITTA BASU :

DR. B. N. ANTANI :

SHRI M. K. MOHTA :

SHRI K. C. PANDA :

SHRI BABUBHAI M. CHINAI :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for setting up a Tea Corporation ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the stage at which the proposal stands at present ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) to (c) The proposal for setting up a Tea Corporation is under active consideration.

DECLINE IN EXPORTS

208. SHRI A. D. MANI :

SHRI SUNDAR SINGH BHANDARI :

SHRI PREM MANOHAR :

SHRI J. P. YADAV :

SHRI N. K. SHEJWALKAR :

SHRI S. D. MISRA :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been a sharp decline in our exports especially to West Europe in 1969-70 and so far during the current year ;

(b) if so, the extent thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) what efforts are being made to boost our exports ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Though our global exports increased by Rs. 59 crores in 1969-70 as compared with 1968-69, exports to West Europe which stood at Rs. 338 crores during 1968-69 declined to Rs. 295 crores in 1969-70. During the current financial year (i.e. April to June, 1970 up to which statistics are available), exports to West Europe fell to Rs. 60 crores from Rs. 77 crores during the corresponding period of 1969. The decline has been mainly on account of lowering in India's exports to the British market of some of our traditional products such as tea, unmanufactured tobacco, cotton piece goods, jute goods and mixed vegetable oils.

(c) The steps proposed to be taken for securing an increased share of this market for our products have been outlined in the Export Policy Resolution which was laid on the Table of the House in the last Session of the Rajya Sabha. The results obtained will inevitably depend upon the manner and the extent to which these steps are implemented. Besides, new products mainly in the non-traditional sector and having good export potential in relation to the West European markets are being indentified to offset the loss.

DECISIONS OF THE TELENGANA DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

209. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply to the Unstarred Question No. 440 given in the Rajya Sabha on 4th August, 1970 and state :

(a) the details of the decisions taken by the Telengana Development Committee;

(b) the actions taken thereon ;

(c) whether further steps are contemplated to solve the Telengana problem; and