

(a) the names of the agencies in foreign countries with which his Ministry has contacts as to ensure a proper level of consumption of Indian goods there and the names of the agencies which are doing this work; and

(b) whether any steps are being taken to strengthen the work of such agencies and make them more profitable, if so, what are the details in this regard?]

वैदेशिक व्यापार तथा पूर्ति मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (चौधरी राम सेवक) : (क) तथा (ख) विदेशों को भारतीय सामान के निर्यात का संवर्धन विदेश स्थित भारतीय मिशनों के वाणिज्यिक अनुभागों तथा वस्तु बोर्डों, निर्यात संवर्धन परिषदों और राज्य व्यापार संगठनों के विदेशी कार्यालयों के माध्यम से किया जाता है और वे इस सम्बन्ध में आवश्यक सम्पर्क स्थापित करने का प्रयत्न करते हैं। सरकार इन अभिकरणों को समय समय पर अपेक्षित आवश्यक सहायता देती है और उनका पथ-प्रदर्शन करती है। राज्य व्यापार संगठनों के विदेश स्थित कार्यालयों को छोड़कर, ये संवर्धनात्मक अभिकरण वास्तविक व्यापार अथवा क्रय-विक्रय प्राप्त करने का कार्य आदि नहीं करते। अतः उन्हें अधिक लाभदायक बनाने का प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK): (a) and (b) Export of Indian goods to foreign countries is promoted through the Commercial Sections of the Indian Missions abroad and through the foreign office.; of the Commodity Boards, Export Promotion Councils and State Trading Organisations who endeavour to establish the necessary contacts in this regard. Government provide the necessary assistance and guidance to these agencies as required from time to time. Except for the foreign offices of State Trading Organisations, these promotional agencies do not undertake actual trade or booking of orders etc. The question of making them more profitable does not, therefore, arise.]

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INDIAN OFFICIAL EMPLOYED BY U.N. VICTIMISED AT BAGHDAD

1227. SHRI GANESHI LAL CHAUDHURY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an Indian official employed by U. N. at Baghdad was the victim of the mob hysteria whipped up by the recent public hangings there;

(b) if so, what are the details of the case; and

(c) what action the Government of India have taken to check this type of happenings involving Indian nationals in foreign soils ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) No, Sir. The incident took place before the hangings.

(b) The Indian national working for the U.N. was manhandled by two uniformed persons, detained for a few hours and then released.

(c) The Indian Embassy in Baghdad, took up the matter vigorously with the Government of Iraq who expressed their profound regret and offered apologies.

WIG FACTORY IN MADRAS

1228. SHRI B. C. PATTANAYAK: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Wig Factory in Madras has started its full production; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK): (a) The Wig Factory is now in full commercial production.

(b) Does not arise.

REPRESENTATION FROM NAVAL OFFICERS

1229. SHRI B. C. PATTANAYAK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Naval Officers have to incur extra financial expenditure while serving afloat;

(b) whether Government have received any representation on this subject; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government of India in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): (a) to (c) It has been represented to Government that Naval Officers serving afloat are financially at a disadvantage and should be granted free rations, as admissible to Army and Air Force Officers serving in forward areas. The matter is under examination.

MANUFACTURE OF CHEAP TRANSISTORS

1230. SHRI B.C.PATTANAYAK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the progress so far made in the manufacture of small and cheap transistors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA): The production of cheap radio receivers priced less than Rs. 125 in the organised sector since 1966 is given below :—

Year	No. of low priced sets below Rs. 125
1966	52,499
1967	206,587
1968	503,812

The percentage of sets priced below Rs. 125 was 37% of the total production of radios in the organised sector during 1968. The production of radio sets in the small scale sector during 1968 has been estimated as 7 lakh numbers and bulk of this production is of low priced sets.

75% of the new capacity for manufacture of radios licensed since September 1966 is to be compulsorily used for making cheap radios and transistors priced less than Rs. 165.

मध्य प्रदेश का विकास

1231. श्री दयालदास कुर्रे: क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या मध्य प्रदेश के पिछड़ेपन को ध्यान में रखते हुए केन्द्रीय सरकार मध्य प्रदेश के बस्तर, सरगुजा, रायगढ़, बिलासपुर और झाबुआ जिलों के सम्पूर्ण विकास के लिये चौथी पंचवर्षीय योजना में कोई पृथक् योजना सम्मिलित करने का विचार रखती है ?

DEVELOPMENT OF MADHYA PRADESH

1231. SHRI DAYALDAS KURRE I Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether in view of the backwardness of Madhya Pradesh, the Central Government propose to include any separate scheme in the Fourth Five Year Plan for the overall development of Bastar, Sarguja, Raigarh, Bilaspur, Jhaua districts of Madhya Pradesh?

प्रधान मंत्री (श्रीमती इंदिरा गांधी) : राज्य के अन्तर्गत पिछड़े क्षेत्रों के विकास के लिए प्रावधान करना, सम्बद्ध राज्य सरकार की जिम्मेदारी है। आशा है कि मध्य प्रदेश सरकार इन क्षेत्रों के तीव्र विकास के लिए अपनी योजना सीमा के अन्तर्गत समुचित प्रावधान करेगी।

[THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): Making provision for the development of backward areas within a State is the responsibility of the concerned State Government. It is presumed that the Government of Madhya Pradesh will make suitable provision for the accelerated development of these areas within their Plan ceiling.]

Ad Hoc CONSULTATION ON TEA AT KAMPALA

1232. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) the gains India derived from "Third Ad Hoc Consultation on Tea" held at Kampala (Uganda) in January, 1969 and from talks at Colombo during the visit of the Union Commerce Secretary to Ceylon in January, 1969; and

(b) the details of the two discussions and improvement likely to follow so far as India's share in world tea trade is concerned as a result of the two meetings?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK): (a) and (b) It is too early to assess the gains India derived and the improvement likely to follow so far

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