(e) Imports of soyabean oil are intended also to serve as a buffer-stock; and releases to Vanaspati manufacturers are made from time to time keeping in view the overall requirements of the industry, internal supply position and price levels.

**TEA TRADE CONSORTIUM BETWEEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN**

699. SARDAR RAM SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that efforts are being made to set up a tea trade consortium between India and Pakistan;

(b) whether the proposed consortium would also keep in view the question of participation by the African tea growers;

(c) whether a Ceylonese team also visited this country recently in this connection; and

(d) if so, what progress has so far been made in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) No, Madam.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Madam.

(d) Having recognised the need for active collaboration in the field of promoting sales of blended and packaged teas, India and Ceylon have agreed to set up a Working Group, consisting of representatives of the two countries, to draft the constitution and define precisely the objectives, functions, financial and administrative structure and scope of the operations of a Joint Consortium for the marketing of blended and packaged teas in selected markets.

**RAILWAY CATERING**

700. SHRI D. THENGARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the deterioration in the quality of food served by the various units of the Railway Catering Department; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to improve the quality of food served by them?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) Complaints about bad quality of food served by units of Railway Catering Department are occasionally received.

(b) Apart from investigating each specific complaint and taking remedial action, the other steps taken to improve the quality of food generically are—

(i) proper training of cooks and other staff working in the Catering units;

(ii) introduction of modern equipment and appliances in Catering units;

(iii) procurement of good quality of raw materials required for the preparation of food; and

(iv) tightening of supervision on the work of staff.

**MANUFACTURE OF MOTOR PARTS**

701. SHRI D. THENGARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up plants for manufacture of motor parts in different States in the public and private sectors; and

(b) if so, whether Centre will provide facilities to States also to set up any such manufacturing unit?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED): (a) There is no proposal under Government's consideration to set up plants in different States for the manufacture of motor parts.

(b) Does not arise.

**PROPOSAL FROM MADHYA PRADESH FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS**

702. SHRI D. THENGARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh have submitted certain schemes to the Central Government with regard to the small car project and other industrial schemes such as cement factories etc., in the State?