

**WRITTEN ANSWERS TO
QUESTIONS**

**DONATIONS TO POLITICAL PARTIES BY
SOUTH INDIA MILLOWNERS ASSOCIATION**

*300. SHRI M. R. VENKATARAMAN :

R.I.K. P. SUBRAMANIA
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Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the members of the South India Mill Owners Association who made donations to political parties out of the mills profits;

(b) the total amount paid by each member; and

(c) the total amount of money received by each political party from individual members?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and it will be laid on the Table of the House.

TEA CENTRES ABROAD

*301. SHRI R. P. SINHA:
SHRI KRISHAN KANT:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Tea Board Centres abroad;

(b) the number of Indian employees working there with their qualifications and their duration of stay abroad at those centres;

(c) whether the centres have yielded the desired results of tea promotion; and

(d) if so, the countries where the efforts have been successful?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) There are 5 offices and 4 Tea Centres run by the Tea Board abroad.

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

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(c) and (d) The Tea Board offices and the Tea Centres abroad are intended to increase the popularity of Indian tea. To the countries covered by the Tea Board's units abroad, exports of tea taken as a whole, have recently increased, such increase being especially noticeable in our exports to U.K., Ireland, West Germany, Netherlands, U.S.A., Iraq and Sudan.

NEW INDUSTRIES IN BIHAR

*302. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number and nature of new industries started in Bihar during the last five years ;

(b) whether the industrial development of the State is proceeding according to schedule ;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the new industries proposed to be set up in the near future in the State in the public and private sectors ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED) : (a) to (c) The Bokaro Steel Plant, the Barauni Fertilizer Project, Mining of pyrites at Amjhore and a pyrites-based Sulphuric Acid Plant at Sindri are some of the major Central industrial projects started in Bihar during the last five years. Details of other industries started in Bihar during the last five years in the State sector and in the private sector and the progress of each have been called for from the Government of Bihar and will be laid on the Table of the House on receipt.

(d) As the 4th Five-Year Plan is yet to be finalised it is not possible to indicate at this stage the new industries that would be set up in the State during the next few years.