

(c) Additional posts were created with reference to the increase in the workload.

#### RECRUITMENT AND PROMOTION RULES FOR STC EMPLOYEES

557. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question No. 170 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th March, 1967 and state:

(a) whether the rules governing recruitments, promotion and seniority of State Trading Corporation employees have since been finally approved;

(b) whether the rules will have any retrospective effect; and

(c) whether any representations have been received thereon?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

#### FOREIGN VISITS OF STC OFFICERS

558. SRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of State Trading Corporation officers who visited foreign countries during the last two years on official work; and

(b) the details of the official work they attended to, during their visits abroad?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) 35 officers of the State Trading Corporation visited foreign countries during financial years 1965-66 and 1966-67.

(b) A statement is attached. [See Appendix LX, Annexure No. 21.]

#### FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNED BY TEXTILE EXPORT

559. SHRI YELLA REDDY:  
SHRI RAM CHANDER:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of foreign exchange earned by export by the cotton textile industry in India during the last 5 years;

(b) the amount of foreign exchange consumed by the industry in respect of (i) cotton imports (ii) other raw material (iii) spares and replacements and (iv) capital goods during the last five years; and

(c) the countries from which imports for the industry are made and the cost of imported items country-wise for the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) to (c) A statement is attached.

(a) Year		STATEMENT	(In crores of rupees)	
			Foreign	
			exchange	
			earned	
	1962			50.03
	1963			55.52
	1964			62.87
	1965			63.73
	1966			70.61

	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966 (prov.)
Raw Cotton.	58.00	42.94	56.10	51.78	42.12
Dyes	5.95	4.42	4.42	3.23	2.98
Chemicals	5.50	5.10	4.70	N.A.	N.A.
Textile machinery (including spares and accessories)	25.83	22.04	24.22	22.52	23.76
	95.28	74.50	89.44	77.53	68.86

(c) Information is being compiled and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**ALLOTMENT OF TEA TROLRIES AT RAILWAY STATIONS**

560. **SHRI K. C. BAGHEL:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tea stalls and tea trollies functioning at Railway Stations in Madhya Pradesh:

(b) the number of tea trollies out of them which have been allotted to the persons belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled tribes;

(c) whether this number is in accordance with the required proportion; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA):** (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION**

561. **SHRI NIREN GHOSH:**  
**SYED NAUSHER ALI:**

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the industrial production in January 1967 was lower than during December, 1966;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) which are main industries showing decline in output?

**THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED):** (a) Yes, Sir, by 1.2 per cent

(b) There are various reasons accounting for this slight fall in industrial production such as:—

Short supply of steel, shortage of imported raw materials

and components, shut down of plants, labour trouble, mechanical troubles and annual over-hauling, fluctuations in demand, accumulation of stocks, fluctuation in overseas markets, introduction of extra holidays in some industry etc. etc.

(c) A list is attached. (See below).

1. Power Cables.
2. Electrical Steel Sheets.
3. Vehicular diesel engines.
4. Motor Cycles.
5. Copper.
6. A. C. Products.
7. Soda Ash.
8. Calcium Carbide.
9. Bichromates.
10. Super phosphate.
11. Leather foot-wear (western type).
12. Vacuum brake hoses.
13. Some items of tyres and tubes.
14. U. F. Moulding Powder.
15. Leather cloth.
16. Linoleum and Myrobalam extracts.
17. Textiles.

(This is only an illustrative list and not an exhaustive list).

**GROUP PURCHASE OF JUTE**

562. **SHRI NIREN GHOSH:**  
**SYED NAUSHER ALI:**

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Jute Mills Association has introduced a scheme for group purchase of jute by jute mills;

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

(c) whether the Jute Commissioner has accepted the scheme; and