

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS**†CENTRAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR CHEMICALS**

•870. SHRI U. S. DUGAL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Advisory Committee for Chemicals has submitted a proposal for subsidizing exports of some of the chemical products; and

(b) if so, details of the proposal of the Committee and the reaction of the Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI MANUBHA! SHAH) : (a) and (b) At the first meeting of the Central Advisory Committee for Chemicals, a member had only suggested the subsidising of exports, along with other measures, as a means of reducing price of Indian products. No proposal as such was submitted by the Committee; to Government.

DEVELOPMENT OF IRON-ORE MINES

♦933. SHRI SURJIT SINGH ATWAL : Will the Minister of MINES AND METALS be pleased to state whether it is a fact that two more iron-ore mines are to be developed for exporting four million tons of iron-ore to Japan ?

THE MINISTER OF MINES AND METALS (SHRI S. K. DEY) : Yes, Sir. The National Mineral Development Corporation Limited is currently developing a mine based on Deposit No. 14 at Balladila in Madhya Pradesh for the production of 4 million tonnes of iron-ore per annum for export to Japan. The Corporation has also selected another Deposit known as D.-posit No. 5 in the same area and has prepared a Project Report for the opening of a mine for the production of 4 million tonnes of additional ore per annum. At least 2 million tonnes of iron-ore from this Deposit will be earmarked for export to Japan.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HANDICRAFTS AND HANDLOOM EXPORTS CORPORATION OF INDIA

*938. SHRIMATI LALITHA (RAJAGOPLAN) : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

†Transferred from the 1st April, 1966.

(a) the terms of employment of the Executive Director of the Handicrafts and Handloom Exports Corporation of India Limited;

(b) the number of the tours undertaken (i) in India and (ii) abroad by the aforesaid officer during the financial years 1962-63, 1963-64, 1964-65 and 1965-66 together with the purpose for which the officer travelled and T.A. and D.A. paid for the purpose; and

(c) the total emoluments paid to the Executive Director during the above financial years?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI MANUBHA! SHAH) : (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

(a) and (c) The present Executive Director of the Corporation was appointed on the 26th November, 1962 in an honorary capacity. She is in overall charge of the work of the entire Corporation, including its foreign offices. The Executive Director is not drawing any salary nor is she paid allowance of any kind, excepting the free use of the Corporation's transport between her residence and office.

(b) The requisite information is given below :—

Year	Tours in India		Tours abroad	
	No. of Tours	Expenditure incurred	No. of Tours	Expenditure incurred
		Rs.		Rs.
1962-63	3	72)	NIL	..
1963-64	15	4,35)	1	11,200
1964-65	14	8,33)	1	19,600
1965-66	10	7,64)	1	18,030
(up to Feb., 66)				

The Corporation has Regional offices located in Madras, Bombay and Calcutta and it is necessary for the Executive Director to visit these places frequently and also, visit other production centres in the country for exploring the possibilities of increasing production for exports.

IMPORT OF OPTICS FOR MICROSCOPE

•939. SHRI RAM SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of money that is spent annually for the import of optics required /or microscopes;

(b) whether it is a fact that Central Scientific Instruments Organisation is now in a position to provide the requisite technical know-how for the production of these instruments;

(c) if so, whether any attempt has been made to produce these items in India and to cut down their imports; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI D. SANJIVAYYA) : (a) About Rs. 7 to 8 lakhs per year.

(b) The Central Scientific Instruments Organisation have got the requisite knowhow for the production of low power objectives and eye-pieces. The organisation is working out the details of the high power objectives and eye-pieces.

(c) Yes, Sir. Simple optics are being manufactured in India. Necessary help for the import of machinery for the production of optics has been given.

(d) Does not arise.

किरिबुरु में लोहे के सामान का डिलीवर न किया जाना

*940. श्री विमलकुमार मन्नालालजी चौरङ्गिया : क्या खान तथा धातु मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) नवम्बर, 1962 में किरिबुरु परियोजना के लिए 30.63 मीट्रिक टन लोहे का जो सामान डिलीवर किया जाने वाला था लेकिन डिलीवर नहीं किया गया, उसके बारे में स्पेशल पुलिस को दिये गये मामले का क्या परिणाम निकला; और

(ख) सम्बन्धित व्यक्तियों के खिलाफ क्या कार्यवाही की गई ?

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T[NON-DEUVERY OF IRON MTAERIAL AT KTRIBURU

*940. SHRI V. M. CHORDIA : Will the Minister of MINES AND METALS b# pleased to slate :

(a) the outcome of the case entrusted to the Special Police in connection with 30.63 tonnes of iron material which was to be delivered for Kiriburu project in November, 1962 but was not delivered; and

(b) what action was taken against the persons concerned ?]

खान तथा धातु मंत्री (श्री सुरेन्द्र कुमार डे) : (क) और (ख) राष्ट्रीय खनिज विकास निगम के 6 अधिकारियों पर कच्चे लोहे के सामान के अपहरण में सहायक बनने के आरोप में तथा दो अन्य अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध कतंभ्य-विमुख होने के आरोप में अनुशासनिक कार्यवाही की गई है।

t[THE MINISTER OF MINES AND METALS (SHRI S. K. DEY) : (a) and (b) Disciplinary proceedings have been instituted against six officers of the National Mineral Development Corporation for alleged acts of connivance at the misappropriation of the iron-ore material aid against two other officers for alleged negligence of duties.]

SECOND CLASS SLEEPERS COACHES OF NEW DESIGN

•941. SHRI JAGAT NARAIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has been decided to introduce second class sleeper coaches of a new design on the Northern and Eastern Railways; and

(b) if so, the broad features of tots* new coaches and when they are likely to be introduced ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir. It has been decided to introduce Broad Gauge II class seating-cum-sleeper coaches on all Railways, including the Northern and Eastern Railways, on long distance Mail/Ex-: press trains involving night journeys, in

†[] English translation.