

Engineering Research Institute, Pilani and the Development Commissioner, Small Scale Industries are helping in the designing of the prototype. As soon as the design is finalised, manufacture will start and the price of the radio is expected to be round Rs. 81 each.

#### MINISTER'S VISITS ABROAD

\*765. SHRI RAM SINGH: SHRI SUNDAR MANI PATEL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of times he went abroad during January to July, 1966 and for what purpose;

(b) the names of officers who accompanied him each time; and

(c) the amount which the Government spent for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH) : (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix LVII, Annexure No. 58.]

#### COMMONWEALTH TRADE MINISTERS' CONFERENCE, 1965

♦769. SHRI M. S. OBEROI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a conference of Trade Ministers of Commonwealth countries took place in London in June 1965; and

(b) if so, issues taken up at the said conference and the decisions taken with their impact on the Indian trade and economy ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH): (a) No, Sir. There was a Conference of Commonwealth Trade Ministers in June, 1966.

(b) The Communique issued at the end of June, 1966 Conference is placed on the Table of the House. These discussions have no direct impact on our trade and economy. [See Appendix LVII, Annexure No. 59.]

#### BOOSTING OF TEA EXPORT CONSEQUENT ON DE-VALUAI

\*771. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state the extent to which exports of tea are likely to be boosted as a result of devaluation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI M. SHAFI QURESHI) : Devaluation will make the prices of Indian tea in foreign markets more competitive. It is not possible, however, to estimate the precise extent to which tea exports will increase. The prospects of increase in tea exports depend more on production, internal consumption and surplus available.

T[EXPORT OF RAYON AND SYNTHETIC FABRICS TO ASIA AND OCEANIA

#### एशिया और ओसीनिया को रेयन और सिन्थेटिक फेब्रिक्स का निर्यात

\*772. श्री महावीर दास : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि 1963 के मुकाबले 1964 में एशिया और ओसीनिया को रेयन और सिन्थेटिक फेब्रिक्स का निर्यात कम हुआ है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो कितनी राशि की कमी हुई है और उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

\*772. SHRI MAHABIR DASS : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the export of rayon and synthetic fabrics to Asia and Oceania declined in 1964 as compared to that of 1963; and

(b) if so, the amount by which it declined and the reasons therefor?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (श्री एम० शफी कुरेशी) : (क) तथा (ख) एक विवरण सदन की मेज पर रखा जाता है।

[ ] English translation.