

THE MINISTER OF MINES AND METALS (SHRI S. K. DEY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

Both private and public sectors have i that their production capacity, especially for medium and lower grades of king coal is under-utilised.

#### SHORTAGE OF MOTOR TYRES

SHRI B. N. MANDAL : Will the t of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

whether Government's attention has been drawn to the acute shortage of motor tyres in the con;

whether Government have received memorandum from the Transporters of Delhi in this connection; and

so, what action has been taken by rnmment in the matter ?

MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI NJIVAYYA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

Phe complaint of shortage has been about the Nylon Cord tyres and out the other varieties. The production, of ibis variety OL' tyre has been very low due to the limited imports of nylon cord. The Delhi Transporters Association, and tyre manufacturers have agreed to evolve a workable arrangement so as to give the desired relief to users.

#### SHORTAGE OF CEMENT IN DELHI

494. SHRI I. K. GUJRAL : Will the er of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has eea drawn to the shortage of cement in telhi;

(b) if so, whether the Government have iiiiated any enquiry into the difficulties eed by smaller consumers and house lilders in procuring cement in Delhi; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that dealers ke full deposit in advance and supply tment months later ?

'HE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SANJIVAYYA) : fa) Yes, Sir.

(b) Complaints of Mortgage of cement have been forwarded to the Cement Allocation and Co-ordinating Organisation of the Industry for investigation and the tatter has been directed to take immediate remedial measures. The Cement Allocation and Co ordinating Organisation has appointed an Officer on Special Duty to ensure that small consumers get their requirements within a reasonable time.

(c) The selling agents in Delhi have instructed their stockists not to take any advance from customers. Accordingly stockists are not taking advances now-a-days. They have been allowed to take payment at the time of delivery or at the earliest on receipt of Railway Receipt and/or loading advice from the factory indicating that cement has been despatched to the stockist.

#### REPRESENTATION FROM UNITED PLANTERS' ASSOCIATION

279. SHRI A. D. MAN! : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any representation has been received by Government from the United Planters' Association against the recently imposed export, duty of Rs. 2 per kg.;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are Government's reactions to the memorandum ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI M SHAEI QURFSHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The United Planters' Association have represented that the export duty of Rs. 2 per kg. on tea is having an adverse effect on the low priced teas sold at Cochin auctions. They requested the Government to re-examine the imposition of the export duty and to reduce it sufficiently to provide a reasonable margin against the rising costs in the industry.

(c) All these points have been carefully examined by Government and it has not been considered necessary to make any change in the rate of duty.

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