

COAL HANDLING CONTRACTS IN ADRA DIVISION

795. SHRI A. C. GILBERT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Coal Handling Contracts in Adra Division for which open "Group Tenders" were invited in the year 1965;

(b) the number of cases in which tenders were finalized on the basis of Lowest Quotations without negotiations;

(c) whether "Coal Handling Contract" in Adra Group for Loco Shed etc., was awarded to Lowest Tenderer Shri Radhey Shyam Kedia for three years without negotiations; and

(d) whether the labour employed by Coal Handling Contractors in Adra Division was being paid "Fair Wages" ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : (a) Two. (b) One.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes.

DEFENCE BASED INDUSTRIES IN RAJASTHAN

796. DR. (MRS.) MANGLADEVI TALWAR : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government of India to establish defence-based industries in Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, the nature of industries proposed to be established ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI D. SANJIVAYYA) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

SPECIAL ALLOTMENT OF C.G.I. SHEETS FOR PUBLIC OF RAJASTHAN

797. DR. (MRS.) MANGLADEVI TALWAR : Will the Minister of IRON AND STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether any special allotment of C.G.I. sheets for the public of Rajasthan is being made; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative; the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF IRON AND STEEL (SHRI T. N. SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) No special allocation was possible as the producers carried heavy load of outstanding orders and the production of G.C. Sheets has been reduced drastically because of shortage of zinc.

IMPORT OF LONG-STAPLE COTTON

798. SHRIMATHI TARA RAMCHANDRA SATHE : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of long-staple cotton imported in the years 1948-49, 1955-56, 1960-61, 1965-66 separately and its price in terms of foreign exchange;

(b) whether the fine and super-fine cloth manufactured from this cotton is exported;

(c) if so, in what quantity; and

(d) its price in terms of foreign exchange and countries to which it was exported in the years 1948-49, 1955-56, 1960-61 and 1965-66 ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI M. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) to (d) A statement is attached.

STATEMENT

(a) Imports of long-staple cotton—

Year (Sept.—Aug.)	Quantity in lakh bales of 400 lbs.	Average price per bale (Rs.)
1948-49	6.21*	Not available
1955-56	5.88	662
1960-61	3.83	737
1965-66 (upto Mar. 1966)	1.91	812

*Through Bombay Port only.