

single industry where total import substitution has been achieved.

#### EFFECT OF DEVALUATION ON EXPORT OF TEA TO RUSSIA

140. SHRI RAM SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been any fall in the sale of tea to Russia consequent on the devaluation of the rupee; and

(b) if so, the extent to which the normal sale of tea to foreign countries including Russia has been affected?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI M. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) and (b) There was a temporary lull in purchases of tea by Russia at the Calcutta auctions immediately following devaluation. Russia has, however, resumed her purchases on the normal scale. It is expected that to the extent of availability of tea for export, the export sales to all countries will catch up in due course.

#### IDA LOAN FOR RAILWAYS

141. SHRI RAM SINGH :  
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SINGH :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that IDA have agreed to advance loan for the manufacture of Railway engines, coaches etc., in India;

(b) if so, the amount of loan sanctioned; and

(c) the work heads for which the loan is likely to be used?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAM NATH) : (a) Yes.

(b) The Credit is for equivalent of U.S. Dollars 68 million (Rs. 51 crores).

(c) The Credit is for covering the foreign exchange payments necessary for the Railway programme shown in the budget papers, principally covering the import of component parts of Rolling stocks and Electrification, Signalling, Workshop machinery etc. after taking into

account other (bilateral) finance available or expected to become available.

#### RAW MATERIAL FOR HANDLOOM INDUSTRY IN MADRAS

142. SHRIMATI LALITHA (RAJAGOPALAN) : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Madras State Handloom Industry and Trade Association has urged the Government of India to supply raw materials like yarn, dyes and chemicals at rates prevailing before June 5th, 1966; and

(b) if so, what measures the Government are taking in this regard?

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

(b) There are ample supplies of yarn, dyes and chemicals available at reasonable rates and as such no special arrangements are necessary.

#### PEGGING THE PRODUCTION OF DHOTIES AND SAREES

143. SHRI K. SUNDARAM : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have decided to peg the production of dhoties and sarees in the mill sector at the 1963 level, contrary to the Report of K. K. Shah Committee; and

(b) if so, what is the quota of dhoties fixed for the year 1966 and what was the actual production in the years 1963, 1964 and 1965?

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

#### STATEMENT

Though the K. K. Shah Committee has recommended the discontinuance of the system of allocation of dhoti quota in the mill sector, the Powerloom Enquiry Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri Asoka Mehta which had examined the question earlier had recommended the pegging of production of dhoties and sarees