

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY): (a) and (b) Particulars of all such Import licences are published regularly in the "Weekly Bulletin of Industrial Licences, Import Licences & Export Licences" published by the Office of the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports, New Delhi.

SUPPLY OF STEEL BARS TO EAST PAKISTAN BY INDIAN BUSINESSMEN

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SHRI R. S. KHANDEKAR.

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether he received any telegram from Shri Nath Pai, a Member of the Lok Sabha, alleging that a Calcutta businessman has entered into a contract with Pakistani buyers to supply steel bars to East Pakistan; and

(b) if so, what action Government is taking on the complaint?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N. SANJIVA REDDY): (a) A telegram was received in May by the Minister of Home Affairs from Shri Nath Pai urging a ban on export of steel to Pakistan, a copy of which was sent to the Ministry of Steel for taking action.

(b) The question was considered carefully, and banning was not considered necessary at the time in view of the fact that these were common categories of steel which could be obtained by Pakistan quite easily from any other country, and the export earned valuable foreign exchange for India.

SHORTAGE OF TIN PLATE

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Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that acute shortage of tin plate in the country has affected processing of at least Rs 250 crores worth of food; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to ensure supplies of tin plate?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY (SHRI BIBUDHENDRA MISRA):

(a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House

FUEL EFFICIENCY SERVICE OF THE NATIONAL PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL

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Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Productivity Council has obtained the services of foreign fuel experts in the Fuel Efficiency Service,

(b) if so, the outline of programme of the Service; and

(c) whether this organisation will examine the availability of different fuels and recommend suitable changes in the burning equipments, to encourage utilisation of indigenous fuel and to save foreign exchange?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY (SHRI BIBUDHENDRA MISRA):

(a) Yes, Sir. National Productivity Council has obtained the services of two foreign Fuel Efficiency Advisers under Colombo Plan.

(b) The Fuel Efficiency Service seeks to promote consciousness and practice of the techniques of efficient utilisation of fuel and heat in industry through: