

led one, along with controlled cloth and if it is true, then the traders, if they cannot sell the cloth which is not controlled, naturally try to have their profit out of the controlled cloth?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: As far as our experience of the last three months goes, the statement is not at all correct. It is not borne out by facts. However, I can assure the hon. Member that even if a single case comes to his notice that some mills are compelling the lifting of controlled cloth along with non-controlled cloth or *vice versa*—if they say we will give you controlled cloth only if you lift non-controlled cloth also—I will be most grateful to look into that situation.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

TRADE DELEGATION TO E. EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

*781. **SHRI BABUBHAI M. CHINAI:** Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indian trade delegation recently visited certain East European countries; and

(b) if so, whether they have submitted their report?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH): (a) Yes, Sir. The trade delegation visited Czechoslovakia, Rumania, Bulgaria and Hungary and reviewed the position of trade during 1964 with these countries and also explored possibilities of increased trade in 1965.

(b) Yes, Sir. Copies of the documents concluded by the trade delegation have been placed in the Parliament Library.

UNSATISFIED DEMAND FOR COAL

*787. **SHRI SURJIT SINGH ATWAL:** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether in spite of relaxation of control on the movement of soft coke and non-coking coal of grade II and below, considerable demands for brick-burning coal of the consumers served by the N. E. Railway are still not met;

(b) whether continued restrictions imposed by the railways on the movement of coal to stations *via* Manduadih, stand in the way of meeting the demands;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is an unsatisfied demand of coal in Eastern U.P., North Bihar and a portion of the Northern India; and

(d) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to meet the unsatisfied demands in the background of enormous stocks of coal?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N. SANJIVA REDDY):

(a) to (c) Supplies of coal to areas served by the North Eastern Railway are made through several junction points, namely, Manduadih, Garhara, Monghyr Ghat and Bhagalpur. Subsequent to the relaxation of control over the distribution of soft coke and lower grades of coal, which are mostly used for brick-burning, the demand for the movement of coal *via* Manduadih suddenly shot up from 60 to 200 wagons per day in October 1964. The railways had therefore to regulate the allotment of wagons *via* this route.

(d) A statement showing the steps proposed to be taken is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

With a view to meeting the increased seasonal demand for the movement of coal *via* Manduadih the fol-