

Name	Capacity	Present yearly output.
Seasoning Kiln	Capacity 36 tons per charge	(Tons) About 336
Ascu Plant	Capacity 37 to 40 tons Sawn timber per month per shift.	About 360
Creosote Plant	125 to 130 tons Swan timber per month	About 528

(c) No; the reason is lack of demand for treated and seasoned timber.

**DECLARATION OF CERTAIN AREAS IN SOUTH ANDAMANS AS 'RESERVE' FORESTS**

487. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the answer given to Starred Question No. 463 in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th March, 1960 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Settlement Officer has issued a proclamation referring to the Chief Commissioner, Andaman Islands' Notification No. 113/59 of the 10th August, 1959 stating that "the net consequence of the Notification is that after its publication . . . no fresh clearing for cultivation or for any other purpose shall be made in such land except as may be permitted by the Chief Commissioner . . .", in contravention of the assurance given by the Minister of Agriculture in the Rajya Sabha that the Notification declaring certain areas in South Andamans as 'reserve' forests "will not come into effect until claims are finally settled . . ."; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken in this regard by Government?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (DR. P. S. DESHMUKH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

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छोटे बन्दरगाहों में विदेशी जहाजों द्वारा भारतीय राष्ट्रीय ध्वज का फहराया जाना

४८८. श्री न. अबसिंह चौहान: क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उनका ध्यान दिनांक १६ जुलाई, १९६० को 'टाइम्स आफ इंडिया' के 'संपादक के नाम पत्र' कालम में प्रकाशित इस आशय के पत्र की ओर आकर्षित किया गया है कि विदेशी जहाज छोटे भारतीय बंदरगाहों पर भारतीय राष्ट्रीय ध्वज नहीं फहराते और सीमाशुल्क के तथा बंदरगाह के प्राधिकारी इस बात की ओर ध्यान नहीं देते ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में वारन्-विक स्थिति क्या है और क्या सरकार इस संबंध में कुछ कार्यवाही करने का इरादा रखती है ?

†[HOISTING OF INDIAN NATIONAL FLAG BY FOREIGN SHIPS AT MINOR PORTS]

488. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a letter published in the 'Times of India' dated July 19, 1960, under the column 'Letters to the

• †[ ] English translation.

Editor', to the effect that the foreign ships do not hoist the Indian National Flag at the minor Indian ports and the customs and port authorities do not take notice of this fact; and

(b) if so, what is the exact position in this respect; and whether Government propose to take any action in this connection?]

परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य-  
मंत्री (श्री राज बहादुर) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) भारत सरकार को, जांच करने पर, यह पता चला है कि ऐसी घटनाएं केवल दो बार हुईं । इस के अलावा बाकी जितने भी जहाज छोटे पत्तनों पर आये उन्होंने अपने अपने अगले मस्तूल पर पतन में प्रवेश करते समय तथा वहां ठहरने के दौरान में सम्मान के प्रतीक स्वरूप भारत का राष्ट्रीय झंडा फहराया है । उक्त घटनाओं में से एक में तो जैसे ही यह गलती कप्तान को बताई गयी वैसे ही भारत का राष्ट्रीय झंडा उन के द्वारा जहाज पर फहराया गया । दूसरे मामले में जहाज के कप्तान ने अपने जहाज पर भारत का राष्ट्रीय झंडा फहराने की कोई कार्यवाही नहीं की ।

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय प्रथा के अनुसार व्यापारी जहाजों को विदेशी पत्तनों में प्रवेश करते समय और इन पत्तनों पर ठहरे रहने की अवधि तक जहाज के अगले मस्तूल पर तत्संबंधी देश का राष्ट्रीय झंडा फहराना पड़ता है । यह प्रथा अत्यन्त प्रसिद्ध है । तटवर्ती देश को इस प्रथा का उल्लंघन होने पर इस विषय में उस देश से जिस का झंडा उल्लंघन करने वाले जहाज पर फहराता पकड़ा जाता है । कूटनीतिक सूत्रों द्वारा उचित कार्यवाही करने का अधिकार मिला है ।

†[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) Yes.

(b) Enquiries made by the Government of India reveal that except in two instances, all foreign ships which have called at minor ports in India have hoisted the Indian National Flag on the fore-mast as a mark of courtesy while entering the port and during the stay at that port. In one case, the Master of the vessel exhibited the National Flag as soon as the omission was brought to his notice. In the other case, the Master of the vessel made no attempt to fly the Indian National Flag.

According to International practice, it is customary for merchant ships when entering the port of a foreign country and during the stay at that port to fly the National Flag of that country at the fore-mast head.

In the event of failure to comply with this wellknown international practice, it is always open to the coastal state to take up the matter through diplomatic channels with the foreign government concerned whose flag the defaulting ship is flying.]

#### STAGE CARRIAGE AND PUBLIC CARRIER PERMITS

489. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of stage carriage permits in force in the country with a State-wise break-up as on 31st March, 1956 and as on 31st March of subsequent years till 1960;

(b) whether there are any passenger buses which operate in any of the States without a permit under the Motor Vehicles Act and if so, their

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