

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: From the statement I find that the adverse balance of trade is still to the tune of Rs. 227-3 crores. May I know, Sir, how much of it accounts for the import of capital goods and how much ■accounts for consumer goods?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: The weekly statements that are published show the various items of imports and exports. As far as the total position is concerned, our large demand for the import of capital goods is tapering off. Perhaps, it will have a spurt when the Third Plan goes into action.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know, Sir, whether the hon. Minister can give any idea as to the extent of reduction of adverse trade balance by the end of the Second Five Year Plan period?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: No, Sir. We will continue to have a gap, because our economy is planned as such.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: May I know, Sir, whether the Government has worked out by now the impact of the European Common Market on the balance of trade position of our country, and whether it is not a fact that in the course of the next five years we will be requiring Rs. 200 crores worth of machinery every year, whereas the balance of trade will be a deficit?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: The requirement of machinery and all that will be known when the size of the Third Plan is decided. As far as the European Common Market is concerned, there is a view that as a result of the Common Market, the export of traditional goods from our country at least will be stepped up.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: The statement shows the balance of trade position. May I know whether the balance of payments position is better or worse than this?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: I have not got the statistics with me, but they are published every week.

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SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: The hon. Minister has made a statement, to start with, that as a result of the European Common Market operations, our exports will be stepped up. May I know, Sir, on the basis of what economics he has come to this conclusion?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: As I have said, that is a point of view. That is not Government's point of view. That is not my point of view.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: That is a point of view. May I know whether the Government is aware of another point of view to the contrary that the European Common Market will have an adverse effect on our balance of trade and our export trade, and, if so, whether the Government has balanced these two points to give a proper answer?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: Yes, Sir. I entirely agree with that point of view—what the hon. Member has stated—and in the GATT meetings, this fact is discussed every year.

COMING OF TIBETAN REFUGEES TO INDIA

*21. SHRI M. S. GURUPADA SWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a steady trickle of Tibetan refugees into India from various points; and

(b) if so, how many Tibetans have entered India during the last three months?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON): (a) and (b). The movement of Tibetan refugees into India has fluctuated from month to month. During the period April-June, 1960, 3,128 Tibetan refugees arrived in India.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADA SWAMY: As the inflow of refugees to India is becoming rather alarming, and as there is no hope of stopping this inflow very early, may I know, Sir,

whether the Prime Minister proposes to take up this matter of solving this refugee problem at some international level, as this problem is entirely caused by the acts of a foreign Government?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: Evidently, Sir, this is a matter of importance and adds to our burdens. But I do not understand what is meant by taking it up at the international level. Am I to spread out these Tibetan refugees internationally in various countries or what?

SHRI M. S. GURUPADA SWAMY: No, Sir. I want to know, Sir, whether the Prime Minister would take up this question before the U.N., so that it may be . . .

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: No, Sir. We do not propose to do so. I do not see how that will help those poor refugees or India in this matter.

SHRI FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI: May I know, Sir, whether it is a fact that this influx of refugees recently is due to the violent struggle going on between the Tibetans and the Chinese Government?

(No reply.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question.

DECLINE IN THE PRODUCTION OF AMMONIUM SULPHATE IN THE SINDRI FERTILIZERS.

*22. SHRI M. S. GURUPADA SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a set-back in the production of ammonium sulphate in Sindri Fertilizers Factory since the year 1957-58;

(b) whether there has been any variation in its monthly production also; and

(c) what effective measures have been taken by Government to step up production in the factory with a view to achieving the rated capacity?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATISH CHANDRA): (a) to (c). A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

(a) The production of ammonium sulphate during 1958-59 and 1959-60 was 3,30,122 tons and 2,85,248 tons respectively against 3,32,031 tons in 1957-58.

(b) Production in the factory is more in the cooler months than in summer months. Production is also lower in the months when heavy maintenance work is undertaken,

(c) Efforts are being made to remedy the defects which have come to notice and to achieve the level of production as in past years. Apart from remedying the defects steps have also been taken for the installation of an additional Gas Compressor in the Ammonia Plant and an additional Gas Generator in the Gas Plant. While the Compressor has been installed, the installation of the Gas Generator is in hand. It is only after the Generator is also in full commission that the effect of installing these two items of equipment will be reflected in the production of the factory.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADA SWAMY: From the statement I notice that the production is lower in the months when heavy maintenance work is undertaken. May I know, Sir, whether the maintenance work was spread out during the last two years, as a result of which production has fallen?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: It is undertaken from time to time and the statement will indicate that the production varies from year to year.