

SHRI ANSARUDDIN AHMAD: Will the Government take into consideration the troubles of the visa-holder and the heavy expenditure he incurs to be present at the generally distant Headquarters to secure his residence permit when this work can be easily done at a Thana near the checkpost through which he has entered and make a change accordingly?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: It is for the Pakistan Government to decide these things. All these matters—the hardships experienced by our people—will be taken up when the matter is discussed by the High Commission.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Is the hon. Minister aware that very serious difficulties have arisen in West Bengal and in that part also with regard to this question of visas and may I know whether in view of the fact that trouble flows from either side the Government have taken any steps with a view to starting some kind of a discussion or consultation with the Pakistan authorities so that matters could be settled in that part properly?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: Sir, all that is given in the answer.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Questions are over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

MANUFACTURE OF AGRICULTURE EQUIPMENTS

("SHRI BABUBHAI CHINAI-320. / SHRI K. K. SHAH: / SHRI M. M. MEHTA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer given to Starred Question No. 120 in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st April, 1960 and state:

(a) whether a committee to examine the question of manufactur-

ing agricultural equipments in the country has been appointed; and

(b) if so, whether it has submitted its report?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b). The Committee has not yet submitted its report.

FALL IN THE OUTPUT OF TEA

*324. SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that total output of tea during the year ending May 1960, has registered a sharp fall;

(b) if so, how this year's output compares with those of the previous three years;

(c) what are the reasons for the short fall; and

(d) how and to what extent our foreign trade in tea is likely to be affected?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI N. KANUNGO): (a) and (b). The production of tea during January-May, 1960 was 112 million lbs. as compared to 104 million lbs., 130 million lbs., and 119 million lbs. during the same period of 1957, 1958 and 1959 respectively.

(c) the shortfall in production is mainly due to acute drought in North East India during the early months of 1960.

(d) It is yet too early to assess the effect of the 1960 drought on our export trade in tea.

DEMAND, SUPPLY AND MANUFACTURE OF PHOTOGRAPHIC PAPER

*325. SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the latest position of the demand and supply of photographic papers in India;