

Mr. CHAIRMAN: Questions are over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

BURMESE DELEGATION TO REVIEW THE WORKING OF THE INDO-BURMESE AGREEMENT OF TRADE AND COMMERCE

*540. { SHRI BABUBHAI CHINAI:
SHRI LAVJI LAKHAMSHI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a lot of delay occurred in the settlement of terms and conditions for payment as envisaged in the Protocol signed in 1958 to the Indo-Burmese Agreement of Trade and Commerce; and if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether this matter came up for discussion at the time of the visit of another trade delegation to India in September 1959; and if so, what was the result of the discussions?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATISH CHANDRA): (a) No agreement has yet been reached between the Indian and the Burmese banks on questions relating to overdraft limits and mode of payment of interest charges. But the two banks concerned have opened the accounts as required by the Protocol and have taken other steps for facilitating payments for imports and exports thereunder.

(b) No, Sir.

LIGNITE DEPOSITS FOUND IN PONDICHERY

*544. MOULANA M. FARUQI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Lignite deposits have recently been found at Seliamedu in Bahur Commune (Pondicherry); and

(b) whether any commercial exploitation of the deposits there has been assessed, and if so, to what extent they can be exploited?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON): (a) and (b). Yes. Lignite deposits have been found at Seliamedu in Bahur Commune in Pondicherry State. Commercial exploitation of the deposits there has not been assessed and the Indian Bureau of Mines has been asked to include this item in its mineral investigation programme for the Third Five Year Plan.

दुर्गापुर में ऑप्टिकल ग्लास फैक्टरी

१८९. श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : क्या वाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दुर्गापुर में ऑप्टिकल ग्लास फैक्टरी स्थापित करने की जो योजना थी क्या उसके संबंध में रूसी विशेषज्ञों ने अपना प्रतिवेदन प्रस्तुत कर दिया है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि छः मास पूर्व भारतीय इंजीनियरों का एक दल रूस के सोवियत संघ को इसी संबंध में भेजा गया था और यदि हां, तो उन्होंने वहां क्या कार्य किया ; और

(ग) इस कारखाने पर कब तक काम शुरू हो जाने तथा पूरा होने की संभावना है ?

†[OPTICAL GLASS FACTORY AT DURGAPUR

189. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Russian experts have submitted their report with regard to the establishment of the proposed Optical Glass Factory at Durgapur;

(b) whether it is a fact that a team of Indian engineers was sent to the

†[] English translation.