

श्री पां० ना० राजभोज : इस डेलीगेशन के ऊपर हमारी कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा खर्च हुई ?

श्री सतीश चन्द्र : मैंने अर्ज किया कि हमारा एक आफिशल डेलीगेशन यू० एस० एस० आर, जी० डी० आर० और पोलैंड गया। उसके ऊपर अभी तक जो खर्च आया है वह करीब सत्तावन हजार है और कुछ थोड़ी सी रकम अभी बाकी है जो देनी है।

IMPORT OF CAMPHOR

*4. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 45 in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th February, 1959 and state:

(a) the figures of imports of camphor during December, 1958 and January, 1959; and

(b) whether any further licences for import of camphor have been granted in the months of February and March, 1959?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI N. KANUNGO) : (a) The quantity of camphor imported during December 1958 and January 1959 was 32,234 lbs. and 17,139 lbs. respectively.

(b) Yes, Sir.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know, Sir, how much of this quantity was imported by the State Trading Corporation.

SHRI N. KANUNGO: The State Trading Corporation has not imported anything at all up till now.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know, Sir, whether it is a fact that the State Trading Corporation was granted a licence for importing camphor?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: Yes, Sir. The State Trading Corporation was grant-

ed a licence because prices had shown a tendency of going up too high, and as a result of the licence being granted to the State Trading Corporation, prices have come down and the first* shipment of import by the State Trading Corporation is likely to reach India somewhere this month or the next.

SETTING UP OF METHANOL PLANT AT SINDRI

*5. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) when the Methanol Plant lying at Sindri is likely to be put into operation; and

(b) who is setting up the plant?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATISH CHANDRA) : (a) and (b): The matter is under examination.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know if a project work report has been received about this Methanol Plant?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: Two experts from West Germany are already in Sindri. They have not yet submitted the project report; it is expected shortly.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know whether any Indian consulting engineers have also been asked to give project reports?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: This problem has been examined several times by the technicians of Sindri Fertilizer Factory and also by a committee consisting of the Senior Industrial Adviser (Chemicals) to the