

श्री एन० क.नूनगो : सारे हिन्दुस्तान में।

SHRI B. K. P. SINHA: May I know if there are Indian Trade Consuls in Afghanistan or any special section attached to the Indian Embassy there to keep a watch on the trade and business trends in Afghanistan?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: We have our Ambassador.

SHRI B. K. P. SINHA: In view of that, why was it necessary to send a special delegation for the promotion of the export of one item only?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: Because it was regarding a specific item—the trade in green tea.

مولانا ایم - فاروقی : کیا علاوہ  
افغانستان کے اور بھی کچھ ملکوں میں  
کریں چائے جا رہی ہے مثلاً روس میں۔

†[मौलाना एम० फारुकी : क्या  
अलावा अफगानिस्तान के और भी कुछ  
मुल्कों में चीन चाय जा रही है, मसलन रूस  
में ? ]

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#### DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND N.E.S. BLOCKS FOR REHABILITATION OF DISPLACED PERSONS.

\*291. SHRI S. C. DEB: Will the Minister of REHABILITATION AND MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to develop Small Scale Industries in Community Development Blocks and in National Extension Service Blocks where there is a large concentration of displaced persons; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal?

†[ ]Hindi transliteration.

THE MINISTER OF REHABILITATION AND MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI MEHR CHAND KHANNA): (a) Small Scale Industries as a means of providing gainful employment to displaced persons are normally encouraged in all areas with concentration of displaced persons. This is done irrespective of the fact whether these concentrations are in the Community Development Blocks and National Extension Service Blocks or elsewhere.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

#### STATEMENT

Financial assistance to set up small scale industries is given as follows:

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| 1. In case of Production Centres to be set up by State Governments or Administrative Boards of Townships. | Entire investment on land, building, machinery and working capital is provided as loan. Expenditure on training of displaced persons is given as grant. |
| 2. In case of schemes by individual entrepreneurs/Companies/Co-operatives.                                | 75 per cent. of the overall investment as loan, 25 per cent. being provided by the party.                                                               |

\*292. [For answer, vide cols. 1519-1524 infra.]

\*293. [The questioner (Shri V. K. Dhage) was absent. For answer, vide col. 1525 infra.]

#### PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF COTTON

\*294. SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the position regarding production and consumption of cotton in the country during the cotton season ending August, 1957;

(b) how the figures compare with those of the previous year; and

(c) whether India has progressed in achieving self-sufficiency in long staple cotton, if so, to what extent?