

Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state whether any method has been found out for the use of alcohol as fuel for Diesel Engines and if so, when its use is likely to begin for running Diesel Engines in India?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATISH CHANDRA): Experiments have been carried out at Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore and at M.B.M. College, Jodhpur in order to investigate the possibility of using power alcohol as fuel in diesel engines. Several technical problems, however, remain to be solved and further work is in progress.

LEADER OF THE INDIAN DELEGATION TO THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

*284. DR. RAGHUBIR SINH (ON BEHALF OF SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Minister used to lead Indian Delegation to General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade for the last five years; and

(b) the name of the Leader of the Indian Delegation this year?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI N. KANUNGO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Shri L. K. Jha, I.C.S., Special Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: May I know the names of the Leaders of the Indian Delegation in the earlier years?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: They were officials.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Is it not true, Sir, that Shri D. P. Karmarkar led many of these delegations?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: He went on one delegation, Sir.

COUNTRIES VISITED BY INDIAN TRADE DELEGATIONS SO FAR DURING 1957

*285. DR. RAGHUBIR SINH (ON BEHALF OF SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries so far visited by Indian trade delegations sponsored by Government during the year 1957;

(b) whether these delegations submitted any report on their work; and

(c) when the last trade delegation was sent to Afghanistan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATISH CHANDRA): (a) and (b). Only one Trade Delegation was sponsored by Government in 1957; this delegation visited West Germany and has submitted its report.

(c) A delegation sponsored by the Tea Board visited Afghanistan during November 1957.

SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: May I know whether Government have invited a trade delegation from West Germany and also whether any delegation has been sent to East Germany? If not, why not?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: This was a delegation, really speaking, sponsored by us at the request of the West German delegation which visited India recently. Their delegation came here and wanted us to send a delegation to discuss the possibility of export. There is no question of sending a delegation to East Germany because this is done generally on a reciprocal basis.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Why is it that negotiations for the export of Tea could not be carried out through ordinary channels and a delegation had to be sent out?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: The delegation to Afghanistan was necessitated by the continuous fall in the