

for running five centres. The progress reports have not yet been received and have been called for.

SHRI S. C. DEB: When the Central Government draws up the schemes for this. I want to know whether they are contemplating also the supply of experts to these institutions?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: Different subjects are to be taught at different centres, like wood-work, tailoring, carpentry, blacksmithy etc. I don't think that there will be any particular difficulty in obtaining instructors for these purposes.

SHRI S. C. DEB: Is it in his knowledge that there are some difficulties about securing experts for training in these institutions?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: If there is any difficulty in that State, suitable arrangements shall be made.

FALL IN EXPORT OF NORTH INDIAN TEA

***234. SHRI TAJAMUL HUSAIN:** Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that exports of North Indian tea during the quarter ending June 30, 1957, fell sharply to about 32 million pounds from about 63 million pounds exported in the corresponding quarter of last year; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, what is the reason for that fall?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI N. KANUNGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During 1957, there was no export sale in the Calcutta auctions from 16th April to 4th June, as stocks of 1956 teas in the Calcutta warehouses were low and sales were confined to internal consumption. In 1956, however, on account of the heavy carry-over of 1955 teas, export sales continued uninterrupted throughout the year. Ordinarily export of

North Indian teas during April—June are comparatively low because North East Indian gardens remain closed during January—March.

SHRI TAJAMUL HUSAIN: What are the countries to which these exports are made?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: Almost to all the countries of the world and a large bulk is to U.K.

SHRI TAJAMUL HUSAIN: Is it a fact that the demand for the North Indian tea is greater than can be supplied by India?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: That situation has not arisen yet.

SHRIMATI MAYADEVI CHETTRY: What is the reason for closure of gardens during this time?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: Climatic conditions and garden agricultural procedures.

T. B. PATIENTS' WARD IN TRIPURA

***235. MOULANA M. FARUQI:** Will the Minister of REHABILITATION AND MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to pages 6-7 of his Ministry's Report for 1956-57 and state:

(a) whether a segregation ward to accommodate 25 T. B. patients has been opened at Tripura for the benefit of displaced persons from East Pakistan; and

(b) if so, at what cost?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATISH CHANDRA): (a) Preliminary arrangements for constructing a segregation ward at Tripura for 25 T. B. patients have been completed and building work will commence shortly.

(b) The cost of construction is estimated at Rs. 43,700.