

(b) In protest against the transfer of two sorters and one Class IV official from the Paper Sorting Office situated at Kashmiri Gate, Delhi, to Delhi R.M.S. situated at the Delhi Main Station.

EARLY CLOSURE OF TEA PLUCKING SEASON

93. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND CONSUMER INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Calcutta Tea Regulation Committee has decided early closure of tea plucking season this year;

(b) if so, what will be the effect of this decision on tea production; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND CONSUMER INDUSTRIES (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. It is understood that as a result there will be some reduction in the anticipated surplus. But the production of 1956 is, however, unlikely to fall below that of 1955. Government hope that the possibility of the absence of an excessive surplus, in present circumstances, will strengthen the tea markets both in India and abroad, as anticipated by the producers who have taken this action.

श्री साठे द्वारा पैर से चलाये जानेवाले चर्खे का आविष्कार

१४. श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : क्या उत्पादन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पूना निवासी श्री एस० आर० साठे ने पैर से चलाये जाने वाले सूत कातने के एक चर्खे का आविष्कार किया है और योजना मंत्री तथा योजना आयोग के अन्य पदाधिकारियों के सम्मुख चलाकर उसका प्रदर्शन किया है ; और

(ख) यदि यह ठीक है, तो क्या सरकार ने उसकी उपादेयता व कार्यक्षमता के संबंध में कोई जांच कराई है ; और अगर कराई है तो उसका नतीजा क्या है ?

†[INVENTION OF FOOT-DRIVEN CHARKHA BY SHRI SATHE

94. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister for PRODUCTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shri S. R. Sathe of Poona has invented a foot-driven spinning Charkha and has given a demonstration of its working before the Minister for Planning and some officers of the Planning Commission; and

(b) if so, whether Government have examined its utility and capacity; and if so, with what results?]

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(क) जी हां।

(ख) चर्खे का परीक्षण नहीं किया गया है। अखिल भारतीय खादी व ग्रामोद्योग बोर्ड ने चर्खे का अन्तिम नमूना बनाने के लिये श्री साठे को १,००० रुपये दिये थे। अभी तक श्री साठे ने बोर्ड को न ही तो चर्खे का नमूना ही भेजा है और न ही इस दिशा में कितनी प्रगति हुई है इस बारे में कोई सूचना दी है।

†[THE MINISTER FOR PRODUCTION (SHRI K. C. REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This charkha has not been tested. The All India Khadi and Village Industries Board has advanced Rs. 1,000 to Shri Sathe to prepare a final model.]

HINDUSTAN SHIPYARD'S PROGRAMME OF BUILDING STANDARDISED SHIPS

95. SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: Will the Minister for PRODUCTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any programme for building standardised ships is being worked out in the Hindustan Shipyard; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the tonnage, build design and type of such ships?

THE MINISTER FOR PRODUCTION (SHRI K. C. REDDY): (a) Yes, A Special Committee consisting of representatives of shipowners presided

†English translation.