

SHRI M. VALIULLA: We are getting heavy water from America. Are we getting this in exchange, or are we paying for it.

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: We are paying for it at a particular rate but I cannot straightaway say it. We may be sending something too.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: What are the different parts of the country where prospecting has so far been conducted?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: Travancore, Madras, Andhra, Rajasthan, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Orissa.

COFFEE PURCHASED BY RUSSIA

*444. SHRI V. C. KESAVA RAO (ON BEHALF OF SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY) : Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of coffee purchased by the Soviet Union from India so far; and

(b) the export allocation against which such purchases have been made?

THE MINISTER FOR CONSUMER INDUSTRIES (SHRI N. KANUNGO): (a) 500 tons from January to August 1956.

(b) Against the export allocation of about 8,000 tons from 1955-56 crop.

SHRI V. C. KESAVA RAO: What is the price at which the coffee was purchased?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: Well, the price was on the average basis of the prices that were fetched at the auction for exports.

SHRI B. P. BASAPPA SHETTY: May I know the countries to which coffee is exported on a large scale?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: We cannot afford to export on a large scale because our production is not much, and as regards the countries to which we export, I would require notice to mention their names.

SHRI B. P. BASAPPA SHETTY: In view of the increased production of coffee as provided for in the Second five Year Plan and also in view of the imperial preference given to their coffee by western countries in their

markets, is there a proposal to open a coffee house in Russia to increase the sale of Indian coffee there?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: No, there is no proposal to open an Indian coffee house there. The quality of Indian coffee is so good that it does not require a propaganda of that nature.

TIMBER USED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SHIPS BY HINDUSTAN SHIPYARD LTD.

*445. SHRI V. C. KESAVA RAO (ON BEHALF OF SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY) : Will the Minister for PRODUCTION be pleased to state:

(a) what kind of timber is now being used for construction of ships in the Hindustan Shipyards Limited and where the same comes from; and

(b) the value and quality of timber procured so far from (i) internal sources, and (ii) abroad?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR PRODUCTION (SHRI SATISH CHANDRA): (a) and (b). A statement containing the information is placed on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix XIV, annexure No. 61.]

SHRI V. C. KESAVA RAO: The statement shows that large quantities of teak were imported from Burma and U.S.A. May we know whether Indian teak is not available in sufficient quantities or it is not good for ship-building purposes?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: The hon. Member will note from the statement that a lot of Indian teak has also been used. The Shipyard tries to use as much Indian teak as possible, but it has not always been possible to get the teak of required sizes at the appropriate time. Import is sometimes found easier.

TEXTILES MILL WORKING AT SHIFTS

♦446. SHRI R. V. DANGRE (ON BEHALF OF SHRI DEOKINANDAN NA-RAYAN) : Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) how many textile mills in the country are at present working 3 shifts, 2 shifts and 1 shift, respectively;

(b) how many of these are composite mills and how many spinning mills; and