

### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

#### PROPOSAL FOR A SAND LIME BRICK FACTORY IN TRAVANCORE-COCHIN STATE

\*26 { SHRI GOVINDAN NAIR: \*  
SHRI J. V. K. VALLABHARAO.

Will the Minister for COMMERCE and INDUSTRY be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that raw materials like sand and lime are available in plenty in Travancore-Cochin; and

(b) if so, whether Government have any proposal to start a sand lime brick factory in the State?

THE MINISTER FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES (SHRI M M SHAH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. A licence under the Industries Act to start manufacture of sand lime bricks was given to a firm in July 1955.

#### PROPOSAL TO MANUFACTURE HARD-BOARD IN TRAVANCORE-COCHIN STATE

\*27. { SHRI GOVINDAN NAIR:  
SHRI J. V. K. VALI ABHARAO

Will the Minister for COMMERCE and INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that abundant supply of waste saw mill fibre, logs and soft wood is available in Travancore-Cochin;

(b) if so, whether there are any proposals to utilise them for the manufacture of hard board in the State; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative, what are the details of the proposals?

THE MINISTER FOR CONSUMER INDUSTRIES (SHRI N. KANUNGO):

(a) Yes, Sir. But no precise estimate of the quantity available has been made.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

#### FACTORY TO MANUFACTURE AUTOMOBILE TYRES AND RUBBER GOODS IN TRAVANCORE-COCHIN STATE

\*28. { SHRI GOVINDAN NAIR:  
SHRI J. V. K. VALLABHARAO

Will the Minister for COMMERCE and INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to establish, either in the public sector or in the private sector, any industry to manufacture automobile tyres and rubber goods in Travancore-Cochin, and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER FOR CONSUMER INDUSTRIES (SHRI N KANUNGO):

(a) and (b). At present there is no specific proposal to establish an undertaking for the manufacture of automobile tyres either in the public or the private sector in Travancore-Cochin State. Messrs. Travancore Rubber Works, Trivandrum—a State Government concern, have, however, applied for permission to expand their capacity for the manufacture of cycle tyres/tubes, hoses, latex goods, V-belts, fan belts, etc., and this is under consideration.

#### SCHEMES REGARDING DIVERSION OF TEMPLE FUNDS FOR DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES

\*34. SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Will the Minister for PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any schemes before Government for the diversion of Temple Funds of the country for developmental purposes, and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR PLANNING (SHRI S. N. MISHRA) (a) and (b). The question of better management of religious trusts and endowments and of fuller utilization of their resources is under examination in the Planning Commission.

#### RADIO-ACTIVITY DETECTED IN VEGETABLES IN CALCUTTA

\*35. SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that radio-activity has been detected in common vegetables in Calcutta after the recent Hydrogen-Bomb explosion in the Pacific; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken in the matter?