

**WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS**

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

\*76 f 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**

\*\*\*- /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 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**

\*9fiJ~SHRI GOVINDAN NAIR: ~0\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 radioactivity 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 ?