

holders *pro-rata* to the export allotments.

OUTPUT OF STEEL BALLS

213. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state what was the output of steel balls in 1953 and 1954, separately for each factory manufacturing the article?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI): The total output of steel balls in 1953 and 1954 was about 14.62 lakhs gross and 22.42 lakhs gross respectively. Under the provision of the Collection of Statistics Act Government are unable to disclose such information relating to individual firms.

DIPLOMATIC ENCLAVE IN NEW DELHI

214. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any area in the Diplomatic Enclave in New Delhi has been earmarked for public auction so as to enable private individuals to build their houses; and

(b) if so, what is the extent of that area?

THE MINISTER FOR WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): (a) No such area is now earmarked for this purpose.

(b) Does not arise.

215. [Withdrawn.]

TEA MARKETING BOARD IN EGYPT

216. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to constitute an Indian Tea Marketing Board in Egypt and in other important tea consuming countries; and

(b) whether a small emporium has been opened in Egypt where Indian goods, including tea, are displayed; and if so, when and at what cost?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) A nucleus show-room is being maintained in the premises of the Consulate General of India at Alexandria since 1939, where, among other Indian exportable goods, tea is also displayed. As the show-room is housed in the building of the Consulate General and is being looked after by the staff of the Consulate General, no separate expenditure is being incurred.

ताड़ गुड़ का उत्पादन

२१७. श्री किशोरी राम: क्या वाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि भारत में प्रति वर्ष ताड़ गुड़ का औसत उत्पादन कितना है और उसकी लागत क्या पड़ती है?

†[PRODUCTION OF PALM GUR

217. SHRI KISHORI RAM: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state the average quantity of palm gur produced in India per annum and the cost thereof?]

वाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री (श्री टी० टी० कृष्णामाचारी): १९५३-५४ को समाप्त तीन वर्षों की अवधि में ताड़ गुड़ का वार्षिक औसत उत्पादन अनुमानतः ५४,००० टन रहा है। वार्षिक औसत लागत उपलब्ध नहीं है। इसके विषय में जानकारी इकट्ठी की जा रही है और यदि उपलब्ध हो सकी तो यथासमय सदन की मंजूरी पर प्रस्तुत कर दी जाएगी।

†[THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI): The average annual production of palm gur for 3 years ending 1953-54 is estimated at 54,000 tons. The average annual cost of production is not available. Information about this is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course, if available.]

†English translation.