

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: I said, I China and Nepal. These are the two countries which come nearest to India in the volume of trade.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Out of the goods exported to Tibet, how much are Indian made and how much are foreign-made?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: Most of them are Indian-made. I cannot give the exact proportion of the foreign-made goods.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Is there any limit fixed for our exports to Tibet?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: Our exports to Tibet are governed by our export control orders which apply to Tibet as they apply to all other countries.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: From the figures I find that we are exporting more and importing less. How is the balance of payments adjusted?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: I have to find out,

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY: In the answer, China was mentioned as one of the countries exporting to Tibet. But is not Tibet part of China? At least the Government appears to have accepted it as such.

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: Yes, that is true.

DAMAGE TO GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

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

(a) the number of cracks which have appeared in the buildings of the new Mint and the Marine Engineering College at Calcutta; and

(b) whether any enquiry was held about the damage done to these buildings, if so, by whom?

THE MINISTER FOR WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): (a) There are two cracks in

the administrative building of the new Mint and one fine crack in the Marine Engineering College main building at Calcutta, but none of them affects the safety or stability of the structures.

(b) The matter was gone into by the departmental officers including the Additional Chief Engineer and the Superintending Engineer, Planning Circle.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: What is the extent of the damage done? Have they been repaired?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: No damage has actually been done, although the cracks are obviously unsightly.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Is it not a fact that the construction was under the supervision of the same Additional Chief Engineer who made the enquiry about it?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: That would not be very material. Obviously it would first be noticed by the man on the spot and the work would also be completed under his supervision.

INDIAN NEWS AGENCIES ABROAD

*9. SHRI C. G. K. REDDY: Will the Minister for INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian news agencies operating abroad for the collection and dissemination of information and the names of the countries where they are operating;

(b) whether any of them approached Government for assistance; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) be in the affirmative, what action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER FOR INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (DR. B. V. KESKAR): (a) As far as Government are aware, two Indian news agencies maintain some correspondents in overseas countries. Government have no