

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): (a) The hon. Member is presumably referring to the recent revision of the procedure for the export of iron and manganese ores from the ports of Calcutta and Madras. If so, the answer is in the affirmative.

(b) It has been decided to revise the procedure so as to rationalise the system of export licensing with reference to rail transport facilities.

UNEMPLOYMENT DUE TO SLUMP IN EXPORTS AND LACK OF RAW MATERIALS

†*192. SHRI P. C. BHANJ DEO: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state the industries in which employment has fallen in recent months due to the slump in exports and lack of raw materials?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): It is not possible to give an exhaustive answer covering all industries, but I place on the Table of the Council a statement covering the principal export industries.

Statement

Jute industry.—Although there has been some improvement in exports during the last three months, employment in this industry has been on the decline due to a general fall in export offtake.

Tea.—A fall in exports had caused unemployment in the tea industry and the tea chests and plywood industries. In recent months export have improved and employment has been rising.

Coir manufactures.—Exports which had been falling in the first half of 1952 have since been on the increase and though no precise figures are

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available it is presumed that employment is on the increase also.

Mica.—Reduction in the volume of exports from the peak levels attained during the Korean War is reported to have caused some unemployment but figures are not available.

Vegetable oils.—There has been no slump in export demand but shortage of raw material has led to a fall in exports and some reduction in employment in the crushing industry.

Cotton textiles.—Employment has been on the increase in spite of fluctuating trends in exports.

REGIONAL PRINTING PRESSES FOR P. & T. FORMS

†*243. SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA. Will the Minister for WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY be pleased to state whether it is under the contemplation of Government to establish regional printing presses to meet the increasing demand of the public of forms connected with the Posts and Telegraphs Department and to facilitate easy and better printing of these forms in the regional languages?

THE MINISTER FOR WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): The new press which is being established at Nasik, will have a Forms Wing to print Posts and Telegraphs Forms for Western and Southern regions. This Wing will also provide facilities for printing forms in the regional languages of the Bombay area if necessity arises.

No other press is proposed to be established at present in any other area.

TRANSFORMERS PURCHASED FOR D.V.C.

133. SHRI B. RATH: Will the Minister for IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

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