

(e) What is the estimate of their aggregate value?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): (a) to (e). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 53.]

BROADCASTING MACHINERY

115. Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: (a) Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state the value of the broadcasting machinery imported into India in each of the years 1950-51 and 1951-52?

(b) Is it a fact that for want of technicians the machines were lying in the Ports for very long time?

(c) What was the period they were lying in this condition?

(d) Is it a fact that there is still some equipment which has not been put to use?

(e) Have Government examined at any time what machinery was available in the Disposals Directorate?

(f) Have Government obtained any machinery from the Disposals Directorate?

(g) If so, when, what was that machinery and what was its book value?

(h) When was it obtained?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): (a) The cost of broadcasting equipment imported during:

(i) 1950-51 was Rs. 7,57,285.

(ii) 1951-52 was Rs. 6,95,600.

(b) and (c). No; the above equipment was mostly maintenance stores to meet the normal requirements of All India Radio's existing Stations, except one record processing plant which could not be installed for want of accommodation; arrangements for the installation of the Plant at Delhi during the present financial year are in progress.

(d) Besides the record processing plant, some of the maintenance stores are in stock to meet future requirements. It may be added that some transmitting and studio equipment imported earlier in connection with All India Radio's 8-Year Development Plan have had to be kept in storage on account of financial stringency.

(e) Yes.

(f) Yes.

(g) The machinery was purchased from 1947 onwards and included Trans-

mitters, Receivers, electrical measuring equipment and tools. The total cost of equipment taken over was Rs. 1,84,463. The book value of these items is about five times the amount paid.

(h) In lots, every year, since 1947.

YARN PRICES

116. Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the control price of yarn of various counts in the years 1949-50, 1950-51 and 1951-52?

(b) Has there been any reduction in the prices of yarn recently?

(c) If so, what are the prices now in each case?

(d) What is the percentage of reduction?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): (a), (c) and (d). Statements are laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 54.]

(b) Yes, Sir.

CYCLES (PRODUCTION AND IMPORT)

117. Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the number of cycles produced in India in each of the years 1950 and 1951?

(b) What was the number of cycles imported into India in these two years and the value in rupees in each case?

(c) Are permits necessary for importing cycles?

(d) If so, how many permits were granted and for how many cycles in each case?

(e) What are the prices of the various makes of cycles produced?

(f) What are the cycle parts that enjoy protection?

(g) Does it cover all parts manufactured in India?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): (a) 1950—103,153

1951—114,275

| (b) Quantity | Value |
|--------------|----------------|
| 1950—109,593 | Rs. 96,72,000. |
| 1951—273,437 | Rs. 284,97,000 |

(c) Yes Sir.