

Exports to U.K.

1798. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the total exports of merchandise from India to U.K. has declined gradually since 1955;

(b) if so, to what extent Indian exports to that country have declined; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) to (c). A statement showing total value of exports from India to U.K. since 1955 is given below. No gradual decline is noticeable. Our exports have depended on the condition of the U.K. market and the availability of exports surpluses in India.

STATEMENT

	(valu in Rs. lakhs)							
	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1952 (Jan-May)
Exports incl.								
re-exports:	168,15	184,74	161,02	166,29	171,71	174,37	164,12	56,12

Industrial Estates

1799. Shri J. N. Hazarika: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) how many Industrial Estates are proposed to be set up in Assam during the Third Plan period and whether any Estate has already been commissioned;

(b) what type of industries will be accommodated in the said Estates;

(c) how many of them will be dependent on the local raw materials available in the State; and

(d) whether sufficient number of technical and skilled personnel are being trained for the purpose?

Training Institute within the State as well as outside.

Machinery for Government Press at Koratty

1800. Shri Ravindra Varma: Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 897 on the 21st May, 1962 and state:

(a) when the foreign exchange required for the machinery to set up a Government Press at Koratty (Kerala) was sanctioned;

(b) whether firm orders have now been placed for the required machinery;

(c) if so, the country from which the machinery is expected to be imported; and

(d) if not, the reasons for the delay in placing firm orders for the machinery?

The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) 2 Industrial Estates at Gauhati and Dhekiajuli have been completed and are functioning. 21 Industrial Estates are proposed to be constructed during the Third Plan period.

(b) Small and Cottage Industries units will be accommodated in these estates.

(c) Most of the units will be dependent on supply of local raw materials.

(d) Sufficient number of personnel are being trained in the technical

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna): (a) In March, 1962.

(b) to (d). The details of the machinery requirements are being worked out and the orders are expected to be placed before the end of the year. The plans for the press building have been sanctioned recently and the construction of the building will take about 2 years by which