

There is thus a gap between demand and the licensed quantities to the following extent:

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| Penicillin | .. 53.4 million mega units |
| Streptomycin | .. 70,000 kgs. |
| Tetracyclin | .. 23,000 kgs. |

Proposals for expansion of the existing units and/or setting up of new units to fill the gap are under consideration of Government.

Silk and Rayon Export Promotion Council

1893. Shri B. C. Mullick: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the targets of export (fixed by Silk and Rayon Export Promotion Council for the years 1956 and 1957;

(b) the number of applications received and the amount involved in response to the announcement of the Council for the import of yarn; and

(c) how much extra the importers have to pay if they fail to export the silk made from the imported yarn?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) No specific target had been fixed except for rayon fabrics for the period October, 1957—march, 1958 for which the target is Rs. 2,00,00,000/-.

(b) 47, of which 38 involve an amount of Rs. 10,28,00,000. The rest have not indicated the value.

(c) 50 per cent. of the value of the licence.

Nagas

1894. Shri Rameshwar Tanti: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) how many hostiles have surrendered so far since the declaration of amnesty in the Naga Hills; and

(b) the quantity of arms surrendered by them?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) 91 upto the 11th December, 1957.

(b) 15 arms of various types.

Gypsum

1895. Shri Nanjappa: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether a survey has been made regarding manufacture of gypsum from the salt swamps in Vedaranyam area, Tanjore District, Madras State:

(b) if so, the nature of the report;

(c) the steps so far taken for its implementation; and

(d) whether a copy of the report will be laid on the Table?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) No regular survey has so far been undertaken. From a preliminary investigation, however, it appears that gypsum may be available at lower depths of the Vedaranyam Salt Swamps in Tanjore District of Madras State but the cost of recovery of the gypsum may be uneconomic.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Motor Transport Workers

1896. Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 169 on the 14th November, 1957 and state:

(a) whether the report of the Committee considering the question of legislation to regulate the working condition of Motor Transport Workers has since been received; and

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) No.

(b) The draft report is being finalised.