

lakh bales of low quality jute. These steps have resulted in the Assam Bottom price rising up from Rs. 27 per maund to Rs. 29 per maund.

### Inter-State Commerce

\*1154. **Dr. L. M. Singhvi:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total volume of inter-State commerce in India;

(b) whether any steps are being taken to promote inter-State commerce and to eliminate obstacles; and

(c) whether Government propose to set up an Inter-State Commerce Commission on a permanent statutory basis?

**The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):**

(a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

#### STATEMENT

Total coasting trade during 1960-61	Rs. 355,91,06,507
Rail and River-borne Trade during 1960-61	
Commodities (in Quintals)	66,36,78,105
Animals (in numbers)	12,98,338

#### NOTE:—

1. Figures for 1961-62 are not yet available.
2. Statistics of rail and river-borne trade cover important commodities only.
3. Statistics of trade covered by road, country craft and air are not available.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

### Special Session of the U.N. General Assembly

\*1155. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state

whether it is a fact that some Members of the British Parliament have cabled him to press for convening a special session of U.N. General Assembly?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon):** Yes, Sir. Sixteen members of the British House of Commons sent a telegram to the Prime Minister on April 26, 1962 suggesting that a special Assembly meeting be held to reflect, as they put it, the world conscience for cessation of all nuclear tests. The Government of India have themselves repeatedly appealed for such cessation, and fully sympathise with the aims of the distinguished Members of the British Parliament. They do not, however, consider that a special session of the General Assembly as suggested would be a useful or practical proposition in the context of current conditions.

### Production and Sale of Khadi

\*1156. { **Shri P. R. Chakraverti:**  
**Shri Bibhuti Mishra:**

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) how far the Panchayats, Panchayat Samities and Taluka Boards have taken to the production and sale of Khadi;

(b) the total amount of money realised from the sale through the agency of Panchayats and Panchayat Samities in 1961;

(c) whether the Panchayat Samities have set up cooperative societies for undertaking this work; and

(d) the number of such societies formed and the transactions carried out by them?

**The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo):** (a) to (d). Panchayats have been specifically recognised as one of the several agencies