

tyres to dealers and the price the dealers charge from the public; and

(b) whether Government have got any control in the fixing of supply of quotas by the Dunlops to dealers?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) M/s Dunlop Tyre & Rubber Co. (India) Ltd. supply cycle tyres to dealers at Rs. 3.93 per tyre ex-factory, and the dealers are expected to charge Rs. 4.62 per tyre from the consumers.

(b) No, Sir

Export of Guar Products

*1798. **Pandit Thakur Das Bhargava:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to lay a statement on the Table showing:

(a) the quantity and value of *Guar*, *Guar dal* and *Guar green* exported between the 1st January, 1957 to the 31st August, 1957;

(b) the name of the country to which these were exported and the quantity exported;

(c) whether any *Guar*, *Guar dal* and *Guar green* have been exported after the 13th February, 1957 in respect of any contract entered into after the said date; and

(d) if so, the quantity and value of the exported stuff and the names of firms to whom permission of such export has been given?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) and (b), Exports of *Guar* and *Guar dal* have not been allowed in the last 8 years. As regards *Guar green*, the Honourable Member is presumably referring to *Guar husk* or hull, the export of which was allowed freely up to 13-2-57. The information about exports during the particular period and the name of the importing countries are not available as these are not recorded in the Monthly Statistics of the Foreign Trade of India.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.

Closure of Textile Mills in Marathwada

*1800. { Shri Khadlikar:
Shri Goray:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that textile mills at Chalisgaon, Jalgaon, Aurangabad and Bhor in Marathwada have been closed down;

(b) whether Government have investigated the causes for closure of these mills;

(c) if so, the efforts being made to reopen the mills; and

(d) whether Government have made any attempt to provide alternative employment or relief to the workers?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) Two mills, one at Jalgaon and the other at Bhor have closed down since 1954 and 1952, respectively.

(b) No special investigation was carried out. The mills closed down due to uneconomic working on account of old and dilapidated machinery. The Mill at Jalgaon is under voluntary liquidation and the other at Bhor was wound up in 1953 under orders issued by the Court.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The mills have been closed for 3 to 5 years. It is presumed that the workers have been able to get all alternation employment as they have not made any representations.

Textile Mills in Madras

*1801. **Shri S. E. Arumugham:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received so far from the textile spinning mills in Madras State for the allotment of spindles; and

(b) how many out of these applications are from the existing mills?