

Shri B. S. Murthy: How many of these five sugar factories are located in the sugar-growing areas?

Shri Manubhai Shah: All the sugar factories are supposed to be in the sugar-growing areas—because you cannot carry coal to Newcastle

Silk-waste and Raw Silk

*514. **Shrimati Renuka Ray:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state

(a) how much silk-waste and mulberry raw silk is exported abroad to be spun into yarn,

(b) whether it is a fact that the lack of trained personnel is the major factor delaying the starting of a sufficient number of silk spinning mills and production centres in the country, and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken to have adequate trained personnel?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) Export of raw silk is not permitted. The quantities of silk-waste exported during the last three years are —

1954	506,585 Pounds
1955	868,158 „
1956	1,496,426 „

No separate figures are available for the quantity of exported silk-waste which is utilised for spinning into yarn,

(b) No, Sir

(c) Does not arise

Shrimati Renuka Ray: With regard to the silk-waste now being exported abroad, may I know whether any scheme is contemplated to utilise this also in India through setting up cottage industries, and, if so, how many such centres have been set up in the last year?

Shri Kanungo: It is not easy to use it in cottage industries for spinning purposes, because the back process is rather arduous and expensive. There are provisions for three spinning mills in Assam, Bihar and Bengal which are under consideration.

Mr. Speaker: The Question-Hour is over. There is a Short Notice question.

Shrimati Renuka Ray: May I make a request, Sir? In view of the importance of the last question No 529, relating to border raids, I would ask whether you would request the Prime Minister to kindly reply to it.

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): What is the importance? There is not the slightest importance.

Shrimati Renuka Ray: In the month of June there have been eight raids and the people have suffered a great deal.

Mr. Speaker: There is no good arguing the matter. The Question Hour is over. The non-official time is over. This is the time of the Government. They may be willing or not.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: The answer is there.

Mr. Speaker: The answer will be published. Short Notice Question.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION AND ANSWER

Floods in Kosi River

S N Q No. 1. **Shri Shree Narayan Das:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that due to sudden flood in the river Kosi in Bihar a large number of villages within the embankments have been inundated and that the residents have been forced to leave their houses,

(b) if so, the number of villages and people affected;

(c) the steps so far taken to give shelter to those who have been forced to leave their houses,

(d) whether villages outside the embankments have also been affected, and

(e) if so, the extent of such areas and the number of people affected?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) to (e).