

Commission in regard to the question of water rates. Replies received from some of the States show that water rates have either been revised upwards or their revision is under consideration.

(b) No.

(c) No.

Coir Products

*416. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total sales through the show-room of the Indian Coir Board in Delhi from 1st January to 15th October, 1957; and

(b) whether similar depots and sales/show rooms are proposed to be opened in Calcutta and Bombay?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Rs. 48,754.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Khaksars Threat to Enter India

*417. { **Dr. Ram Smbhag Singh:**
Shri Anirudh Sinha:
Shri Jadhav:
Shri Shivananajappa:
Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri V. C. Shukla:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government are aware of the Plan of Allama Mashriqi, Khaksar Leader of Pakistan, to march into India;

(b) whether he has been distributing posters and leaflets and recruiting volunteers in Pakistan for that purpose; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) The Government are aware of statements made from time to time by Allama Mashriqi announcing his intention of marching into India with volunteer Razakars.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) Protests have been lodged with the Government of Pakistan. Allama Mashriqi is believed to be in jail or detention at present in Pakistan.

Hosiery Industry, Ludhiana

*418. **Shri A. S. Sarbadi:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hosiery Industry at Ludhiana has complained about the non-availability of standard quality woollen yarn; and

(b) If so, the action taken in the matter?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) The Government of India have not received any specific complaint regarding the non-availability of good quality woollen yarn.

(b) Does not arise.

Jute Products

*419. **Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and the value of Jute and Jute goods exported to the U.S.A. during 1956;

(b) whether any steps have been taken to increase it; and

(c) if so, the nature of the steps taken?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) Export of raw jute is banned. A quantity of 232,100 tons of jute goods worth about Rs. 33,69,00,000 was exported to the U.S.A.

(b) and (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 54].

News Bulletin

538. **Shrimati Mafta Ahmed:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some of the Foreign Embassies in India publish weekly/monthly News-bulletins in English dealing with their respective achievements?