

Import Targets

*1026. **Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has fixed the targets of imports for each year of the Second Five Year Plan period;

(b) whether these targets are adhered to;

(c) whether the import target in 1956-57 increased by 45 p.c. and this year the increase is expected to be more than 50 p.c.; and

(d) if so, the reasons for the same?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) No, Sir. No specific targets were fixed by the Planning Commission. They, however indicated rough estimates of imports for the plan period.

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

Coir Industry

*1027. **Shri Y. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 410 on the 22nd November, 1957 and state whether the investigation for reducing the time for retting of coconut husks for extraction of fibre required for consumption by the Coir Industry has since been completed?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): No, Sir. The investigation is still in its initial stages and will be taken up in details by the Coir Research Institute when fully established.

Industrial Estate, Jaipur

*1028. **Shri Damani:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state how far the work of the Industrial Estate at Jaipur (Rajasthan) has progressed?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): The construction work of 24 factory sheds and Administrative Block in the Industrial Estate

at Jaipur is in progress and is expected to be completed by June, 1958.

Central Committee of Employment Exchanges

*1030. **Shri Jadhav:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a Central Committee of the Employment Exchanges;

(b) if so, the personnel of the Committee; and

(c) the date when the last meeting of the Committee was held?

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

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Development of Handicrafts in Andhra

*1032. **Shri M. V. Krishna Rao:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have extended any help to Andhra Pradesh for the development of handicrafts in the Second Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, how much money has so far been given?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A sum of Rs. 1,81,325 as grant and Rs. 3,70,081 as loan have so far been sanctioned to the Government of Andhra Pradesh during the period of the Second Five Year Plan. In addition, an expenditure of Rs. 44,620, has been sanctioned for the Central schemes for the development of handicrafts in Andhra Pradesh.

Textile Mill, Kishangarh (Rajasthan)

*1041. { **Shri A. K. Gopalan:**
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