

Import of Streptomycin

*765. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has decided to buy 40,000 KG of Streptomycin from the U.S.A. and Japan;

(b) if so, the price to be paid; and

(c) whether any global tenders have been called?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Yes, Sir; the actual quantity being purchased is 50,000 kg

(b) About Rs 120 per kg on the average.

(c) Global tenders were called and orders have been placed on the parties whose quotations were most favourable.

Rayon Grade Pulp Mill

*766. { **Shri Subodh Hansda:**
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Shivananjappa:
Shri Subblah Ambalam:
Shri Achar:

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

(a) whether the project report of the Japanese experts for the establishment of a bamboo-based Rayon Grade Pulp Mill has been received

(b) whether the report has been accepted by Government, and

(c) if so, the steps taken to implement the scheme?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) The report is still awaited.

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

Land Reforms

{ **Shri D. C. Sharma**
Shri Pangarkar:
 *767. { **Shri Birendra Bahadur Singhji:**
Shri M. V. Krishna Rao:

Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1393 on the 19th March, 1959 and state the latest position with regard to implementation of the land reforms policy in the various States?

The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra): A statement is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha [See Appendix III, annexure No. 8].

Central Salt Board

*768. **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1372 on the 19th March, 1959 and state:

(a) whether Government have considered the recommendation of the Salt Committee for setting up of an autonomous Central Salt Board; and

(b) if so, the nature of the decision taken in this respect?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). The question of setting up an autonomous Central Board for Salt is still under consideration, in consultation with the State Governments.

Rental on Government Films

*769. **Shri Bibhuti Mishra:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether any rentals are charged by Government for films distributed by the Films Division;

(b) if so, the total amount realised during 1958-59;

(c) whether any amount was realised from foreign companies;

(d) if so, how much; and