

**Shri Satish Chandra:** About 40,000 tons of fish in various forms and about 6,000 to 7,000 tons of prawns and Crustacea and other things worth about Rs. 5.80 crores.

**Shri Kodiyar:** May I know whether any target has been fixed for the remaining period of the Second Five Year Plan for export?

**Shri Satish Chandra:** The production in 1955-56 was about 1.1 million tons, and it was thought that 33 per cent. increase should take place in the Second Five Year Plan period. Probably, some information can be given by the Ministry of Food and Agriculture on this subject.

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

##### Indo-Tibetan Trade

\*354. **Shri Shree Narayan Das:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indo-Tibetan trade on the Kalimpong-Gangtok-Nathula Pass-Yantung caravan route has dwindled very much in recent months; and

(b) if so, the latest position in this regard?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement showing comparative statistics for 1958 and 1959 is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 2]. The fact is that nothing definite can be said at this stage. The prospects of trade in future will depend more on the attitude of the Chinese Government in resolving the difficulties which are faced by our traders. The Government of India have already represented to them about these difficulties and will continue to press for solution to the problem.

##### Survey of Indian Ocean

\*368. **Shri N. R. Muniswamy:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several countries will co-operate in an international project to survey the Indian Ocean;

(b) in what way India will participate in the survey; and

(c) what are the special features of Indian Ocean in which the said survey is to be conducted?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan):** (a) The Soviet Academy of Sciences has organised an expedition to survey the Indian Ocean, and requested some of the countries of South East Asia to send scientists to participate in this expedition. The survey will be undertaken by a Soviet ship, the "Vityaz".

(b) Government of India propose to send three Indian Scientists to participate in this expedition.

(c) The following problems will be studied:

1. Structure, character, origin and gyration of water mass;
2. Chemical and biological efficiency of ocean water;
3. Collection of meteorological and aerological information;
4. Relief and geological structure of ocean ground;
5. Deposit and water suspension.

##### Newsprint Factory, Nizamabad

\*369. { **Shrimati Parvathi Krishnan:**  
**Shri Warrior:**  
**Shri Nagi Reddy:**  
**Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:**  
**Shri D. C. Sharma:**  
**Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:**  
**Shri Tangamani:**  
**Shri N. M. Deb:**  
**Shri Kodiyar:**

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the

reply given to Starred Question No. 866 on the 28th August, 1959 and state:

(a) whether the German expert has since submitted any report on the economic feasibility of the new process for the manufacture of newsprint from bagasse;

(b) if so, the salient features of the report;

(c) whether negotiations with the West German firm for the setting up of the newsprint factory at Nizamabad in Andhra Pradesh have since been finalised; and

(d) if so, the result thereof?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) to (d). Not, yet. But it is expected very soon.

#### Pharmaceutical Plant

370. { **Shri Nagi Reddy;**  
**Shrimati Parvathi**  
**Krishnan;**  
**Shri Warior;**

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 523 on the 11th August, 1959 and state:

(a) the terms of collaboration accepted by Government for the setting up of a pharmaceutical plant in India by M/s. Bengers;

(b) the types of pharmaceutical products to be produced; and

(c) the percentage of Indian and foreign capital in the investment?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) to (c). A statement is given below:

#### STATEMENT

(a) The terms of collaboration have not yet been finally approved.

(b) Dextran and Iron-Dextran.

(c) Subject to the terms of collaboration being settled, Government have agreed to 70 per cent. participation by the foreign firm in the Indian company and 30 per cent. Indian participation.

#### Hospital at Madras under Employees' State Insurance Corporation

\*371. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of a 100 bed Hospital at Madras by the Employees' State Insurance Corporation has commenced;

(b) what is the estimated cost of the building;

(c) when it is likely to be completed; and

(d) whether equipment for the hospital has been ordered?

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

(b) Rs. 27 lakhs.

(c) By the end of January, 1961.

(d) Not yet.

#### Export of Shoes

\*372. { **Shrimati Mafida Ahmed;**  
**Shri D. C. Sharma;**

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 215 on the 13th February, 1959 and state the result of the efforts made by the National Small Industries Corporation and the State Trading Corporation to sell the surplus shoes?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo):** Efforts were again made to persuade the Russians to accept these surplus shoes; but these have been unsuccessful. The National Small Industries Corporation are continuing their efforts to find out other Buyers.