

the questions relating to paper Industry to the Tariff Commission on 1-9-1958 and to enquire into and report on the fair prices of these commodities. The Commission examined the matter and submitted its report in June 1959, recommending fair prices for different varieties. These recommendations were duly considered by Government and accepted vide Government Resolution published on 5-12-1959, making the new prices effective from 1-1-1960. Copies of the Tariff Commission's Report and the Resolution were placed on the Table of the House on 7-12-1959. In addition to the above, the State Trading Corporation of India is importing shortly 25,000 tons of paper to meet the gap between demand and supply and a larger quantity will be imported, if necessary.

As a result of the aforesaid measures, paper supply conditions in the market have already shown signs of improvement and it is hoped that this will facilitate the availability of paper for publishers of books and text books also.

Price of Cotton Yarn in South India

*836. **Shrimati Parvathi Krishnan:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any rise in the price of cotton yarn in South India which has adversely affected the handloom industry;

(b) whether Government has received any representations in this regard; and

(c) if so, the action taken thereon, if any?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) Additional import of cotton has been arranged so that the rise in cotton prices is curbed and the mills are enabled to maintain optimum production of yarn. The matter has been discussed with the representatives of textile industry and the spinning mills in the South have agreed to

open depots at suitable centres if the prices do not come down to a reasonable level.

Scheme of Compulsory Savings

*840. **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 588 on the 27th November, 1959 and state:

(a) whether Government have completed study of issues relating to compulsory savings; and

(b) if so, the results thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra): (a) and (b). The study is in progress.

Small Scale Industries

*841. **Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) what are the main features of the common production programme chalked out by Small Industries Organisation and achievements made by it; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to make it more effective?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). The main features of the Common Production Programme considered by the Small Industries Organisation are:

(i) Reservation or demarcation of certain spheres of production;

(ii) Non-expansion of the capacity of the large sector;

(iii) Fixing targets of production for specific products in the small and the large sectors.

In addition, a number of items have been and are being reserved for purchase exclusively from Small Industries by the Director General of Supplies and Disposals.

No expansion has been allowed in the large sector in automobile batteries and radio receivers while small

scale units manufacturing these items have been given all assistance.

Targets have been fixed for assembly of cycles and for manufacture of sewing machines in the large scale as well as in the small scale sectors.

Details for implementing the Common Production Programme during the Third Five Year Plan are still to be worked out.

Condemnation of Chinese Aggression by Chinese in Calcutta

*842. { Shri Hem Barua:
Shri P. G. Deb:
Shri Arjun Singh Bhadauria:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some associations of Chinese residents in Calcutta in a representative meeting held recently in Calcutta have strongly condemned Chinese aggression on India and emphasised to the effect that "in this border dispute we are fully with the people and Government of India";

(b) if so, whether a copy of that resolution was sent to the Government of India; and

(c) what is the percentage of Chinese population that these associations represent?

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

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The exact percentage of the Chinese population represented by this Association is not known.

Jute Goods

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

(a) whether it is a fact that despatches of jute goods from Mills fell sharply from 99,027 tons in December, 1959 to 73,086 tons in January, 1960 and

(b) if so, the steps taken to raise production?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No special steps are contemplated as lesser despatches during January, 1960 were mainly due to slackness in demand and not due to insufficient production.

Janata Hotel in Delhi

*844. { Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Madhusudan Rao:
Shrimad Mafida Ahmed:

Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 541 on the 2nd December, 1959 and state the progress since made with regard to the construction of a Janata Hotel in Delhi?

The Deputy Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri Anil K. Chanda): A preliminary estimate for the work has since been prepared by the Central Public Works Department, which will now be processed.

श्रंगार सामग्री का आयात

१०५५. श्री प्रकाश वीर शास्त्री : क्या वाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या श्रंगार सामग्री के आयात में कोई कमी हुई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो कितनी ;

(ग) क्या अब भी किसी श्रंगार सामग्री का भारत में आयात किया जा रहा है ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो गत पांच वर्षों में कौन-कौन सी श्रंगार सामग्री का आयात किया गया और उनकी मात्रा क्या थी ;

(ङ) गत दस वर्षों में श्रंगार सामग्री के आयात पर भारत ने कुल कितनी विदेशी