

from the six Regional Research—cum—Training Centres for the Village Housing Projects Scheme;

(b) how many villages have been selected, year-wise and State-wise, since the inception of the Scheme; and

(c) whether the target of 5,000 villages for the Second Five Year Plan will be reached?

The Deputy Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri Anil K. Chanda): (a) and (b). A statement giving the required information is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 57].

(c) All the States save Gujarat, Jammu and Kashmir, Kerala and Madras, expect to select all the villages allotted to them for development under the Village Housing Projects Scheme for the Second Plan period, by the end of the current financial year.

Powder-Milk

*954. **Shri Aurobindo Ghosal:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether any powder-milk is manufactured in India; and

(b) if so, where and what is the quantity produced per year?

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

(b) Anand (Gujarat) in the organised sector for a production of 700 tons of Milk Powder per year.

Import Trade Control

*955. **Shri Kalika Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for removing (1) safety razor blades (2) sheet and plate glass (3) glass table ware excluding (4) glass and glassware not otherwise specified and lacquered ware (5) cycles and (6) motor vehicle parts from the Quota Registration Scheme in the licensing system for the purposes of Import Trade Control;

(b) how the Quota Registration Scheme has worked after its working was reviewed in 1953; and

(c) whether the scheme will be continued in future also?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) The reasons for removing these items from the Quota Registration Scheme have been given in para 28 of Section I of the current Red Book.

(b) and (c). The working of this Scheme subsequent to 1953 is now being reviewed afresh. A decision on the issue whether the scheme should be continued will be taken after the review.

Khadi and Village Industries

*956. **Shri Mohan Nayak:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) how many Khadi and Village Industry training centres have been set up in various States in India; and

(b) what are the steps taken to increase the number of centres?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) 359.

(b) Financial assistance for starting new training centres is given by the Commission to Statutory State Boards and recognised institutions. New centres are however opened only when there is an actual need.

Import of Cigarettes

*959. **Shri Birendra Bahadur Singhji:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the consumption of imported cigarettes has gone considerably high in the country during some past years;

(b) the number of cigarettes allowed to be imported from various countries during the last thirteen years;