

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I cannot understand this. How can we screen or censor or otherwise deal with the books in foreign countries especially, and even here, for the matter of that?

Import of Hides and Skins

*1620. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ban imposed on the imports of raw hides and skins from Pakistan is creating any adverse effect on our foreign exchange position; and

(b) whether it is a fact that these imported goods used to be re-exported after processing and dressing in India?

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

(a) There is no ban on the import of raw hides and skins from Pakistan.

(b) Yes, Sir

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know the approximate value of the import of raw hides and skins from Pakistan and the value of it in the re-export also?

Shri Satish Chandra: In 1956, 1,18,702 cwts costing Rs 67,52,000 were imported from Pakistan

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Re-export also?

Shri Satish Chandra: There is no re-export to Pakistan.

Shri Ranga: In the import from Pakistan in recent years, has there been any increase or has there been any decrease?

Shri Satish Chandra: The import in 1956 was less than in 1955. I have not got earlier figures.

Titanium Products

*1621. { **Shri Narayanankutty Menon:**
Shri Punnoose:

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

(a) what is the total annual requirement of Titanium products in India;

(b) what quantity is imported annually and what quantity is manufactured in India;

(c) which are the factories manufacturing Titanium in India and the total quantity manufactured by them; and

(d) the steps Government have taken to increase the production of Titanium products in India?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) The annual requirements of titanium dioxide pigment, which is the only major product of titanium in demand in the country are estimated to be 2500/2600 tons.

(b) and (c). The following quantities of titanium dioxide have been imported and manufactured in India during the last 2 years:

Year	Quantity imported (tons)	Quantity manufactured in India (tons)
1955	286	1,800
1956	273	1,700

M/s. Travancore Titanium Products are the only manufacturers of titanium dioxide pigment.

(d) The Government have approved the expansion of the present capacity of Travancore Titanium Products from 1800 tons to 3600 tons per year by 1960-61

Shri Punnoose: May I know whether any amount has been advanced to this company by the Industrial Finance Corporation?

Shri Manubhai Shah: Not yet.

Shri Punnoose: Is it a fact that a loan that was given to this company was not used for the expansion of this factory but that a complaint has been received that that money was diverted to something else?

Shri Manubhai Shah: Such complaints have been coming from time to time. But our complete enquiry showed that they have used it for the production purposes and also for purposes of expansion.

Shri V. P. Nayar: The hon. Minister says that the amount given as loan has been used according to the information with the Government. May I know whether, in enquiring about it, Government have also enquired whether the sales of the titanium products manufactured there are given over to a particular company and, if so, whether the Government are aware of the name of that company?

Shri Manubhai Shah: On the first part of the question, the very fact that the production of this factory in 1952 was only 234 tons, rose to 1400 tons in 1954 and it became in 1955, 1,800 tons shows that the factory has made nearly wonderful progress and all the money that was given to them as loan has been rightly used for expansion purposes. As for the second part of the question, it is the freedom given to every company to select their own sellers and they have appointed one company in the country as their sole distributors.

Test House in Madras

*1622. **Shri Balakrishnan:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether the South Indian Chamber of Commerce had made a representation to Government about the necessity of locating a test house of commercial products in Madras State; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

The Deputy Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri Anil K. Chanda): (a) Two Representations were received one from the Madurai-Ramnad Chamber of Commerce and another from the Indian Chamber of Commerce, Coimbatore to this effect.

(b) Establishment of a Branch Test House at Bombay is included in the Second Five Year Plan. Opening of more Test Houses will be considered in the light of the experience gained from the working of the proposed Bombay Branch.

Shri Balakrishnan: At present where is the test house which is testing the products sent from Madras State?

Shri Anil K. Chanda: At present there is one Government test house and that is located in Alipur, Calcutta.

Shri S. E. Arumugham: May I know whether it is a fact that all the articles to be tested have to be sent to Calcutta and there is inordinate delay in getting the articles tested and the merchants face difficulties by this delay?

Shri Anil K. Chanda: There is only one test house for the whole of the country. So, it is inevitable that there will be congestion of work. We are opening a new one in Bombay during the second Five Year Plan and that will lessen the congestion.

Publicity of Development Works in Andhra

*1623. **Shri Balarama Krishnaiah:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) the steps that the Government of India have taken to give due publicity to the development works in the enlarged State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) whether the Government of India propose to establish a separate unit in Andhra Pradesh to cover the activity in this direction?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) and (b). Generally publicity is done by the State Governments for development works of the State concerned. A statement is laid on the Table showing the work done by Central organisations. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 19.]

Shri Balarama Krishnaiah: May I know whether it is a fact that all the cinema houses in the South are not exhibiting the news reels?

Dr. Keskar: How does it arise out of this question?