

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

IMPORT OF ARECANUT

*1835. **Shri P. T. Chacko:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether arecanut was imported into India in 1952;

(b) if so, the quantity so imported and the countries from where imports were made; and

(c) the quantity of arecanut produced in India per annum?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix XI, annexure No. 17.]

(c) Approximately 22 lakhs of maunds.

PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY ENQUIRY COMMITTEE

*1844. **Dr. Amin:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the qualifications and practical experience of each member of the Pharmaceutical Industry Enquiry Committee regarding the working of Pharmaceutical Industry in our country;

(b) whether it is a fact that pharmaceutical manufacturers were not consulted before the appointment of such a Committee;

(c) whether there is any representative of the Indian Pharmaceutical Industry on this Committee, and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government propose to associate some Members of Parliament with the working of this Committee?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):

(a) A statement is placed on the Table giving the personnel of the Committee. [See Appendix XI, annexure No. 18.] Government consider that the members possess the requisite qualifications needed for the purpose.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Not as such. Government do not consider it either necessary or desirable to do so.

(d) No, Sir.

COAL DEPOSITS

*1852. **Shri H. S. Prasad:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

(a) how long the coal deposits in Indian mines are estimated to last and what the present rate of consumption of coal is;

(b) the quantity in tons of coal consumed in India every year; and

(c) its export during the years 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951 and 1952?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) Estimates of our known coal reserves, vary and we may come across new reserves. The rate of consumption also is a fluctuating one and one cannot say with exactitude what will be the consumption over a long period of years. It is not therefore possible to estimate correctly how long our coal reserves will last. As a rough estimate, however, it may be said that the reserves will suffice the country's requirements for 500 to 650 years. The present rate of consumption is about 31 million tons per year.

(b) and (c). Two statements are laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix XI, annexure No. 19.]

GANDIKOTA PROJECT

*1853. **Shri Eswara Reddy:** (a) Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state whether since the publication of the First Five Year Plan by the Government of India, the Madras Government has drawn the attention of the Central Government to the non-inclusion of Gandikota Project in the Five Year Plan recommended by it long ago and further pressed the Centre either for reconsideration and inclusion of the above Project in the Plan or for a grant of loan to take up the Project by itself independently?

(b) If so, what is the decision of the Government of India on the above proposals of the Madras Government?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) No reference on the Gandikota Project has been received from the Madras Government since the publication of the Five Year Plan.

(b) Does not arise.

TEN-SPINDLE SPINNING MACHINE

*1856. **Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:** (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether it is a fact that in Bombay there is a ten-spindle spinning machine capable of producing 2 lbs. of yarn per day?

(b) What is its cost?