

Textile Commissioner's Office come across cases where cloth put in the market was not according to the serial number given on the cloth?

(b) If so, what steps have been taken against the defaulting mills?

(c) Has the Textile Commissioner received complaints from the traders about the quality and defects in the cloth?

(d) If so, what steps have been taken in this matter?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) to (d). A Statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix X, annexure No. 23.]

TIMBER IMPORT

*1625. **Shri Sanganna:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the value of timber imported to India from abroad;

(b) whether imported timber is to supplement the supply position of timber in the country; and

(c) whether foreign timber is imported from the point of view of standard?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(b) and (c). Mainly to supplement the indigenous supply and to a certain extent from the point of view of quality.

STATEMENT

Value of Timber imported to India from abroad.

Year	Value
	Rs.
1950-51	... 2,79,15,618
1951-52	... 5,56,03,894
1952-53	... 1,73,85,171

(April to December 1952).

Shri Sanganna: May I know, Sir, how the price of the imported timber, compares with that of Indian timber?

Shri Karmarkar: It is costlier than the indigenous timber.

Shri Matthen: May I know, Sir, whether the hon. Minister be pleased to persuade the Central Ministries like the Railways, the C.P.W.D., etc., to take more and more of the South Indian teak, so as to reduce the import of foreign teak?

Shri Karmarkar: Wherever suitable indigenous teak is utilised.

श्री भक्त बर्षन : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि किस किस प्रकार की इम. रती लकड़ी किस किस देश से आयात की जाती है और क्या इस से हमारे देश के लकड़ी व्यापार को हानि नहीं पहुँच रही है ?

श्री करमरकर : जी नहीं, हम बर्मा से लकड़ी मंगते हैं और जिस किस्म की टीक हमें चाहिये उसी किस्म की और जितनी चाहिये उतनी ही मंगते हैं ।

Shri A. M. Thomas: Has there been an insistence by the Public Works Department to use Burma teak instead of indigenous teak?

Shri Karmarkar: I think my hon. colleague for public works will be able to answer that better than I can.

Shri Thanu Pillai: May I know whether any timber is being exported from India?

Shri Karmarkar: Yes, Sir, to a small extent.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether the Andaman timber is being seasoned now at Port Blair and, if so, how does it compare with the teak imported from Burma?

Shri Karmarkar: About seasoning I would like to have notice. But at the present moment, Burma teak, of particular varieties, is supposed to be better than the Indian teak.

FILMS ON TRIBAL PEOPLE

*1626. **Shri Rishang Keishing:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether any team of officials or non-officials has been sent out by the Government of India to film the modes of life and the various aspects of arts and culture of the tribal people and other backward classes in India;

(b) whether any educative propaganda is carried on by means of films in the backward and tribal areas to acquaint the people there of the superior modes of life and current affairs elsewhere; and

(c) whether there is a proposal in hand to provide the high schools in