

the other items of information to the hon. Members.

**Shri Jalpal Singh:** The hon. Minister has said that there has been one special case. With a view to meeting another special case, that is the improvement of Indo-Ceylon relations, would Government consider the advisability of treating that also as a special case in the matter of export of fertilizers to Ceylon?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** I may tell the hon. Member that he has anticipated Government's action in a small way. They have already given 100 tons of fertilizer to an Agricultural Demonstration Farm in Ceylon as a result of a suggestion made by our High Commissioner there. But whether we would be able to export in bulk, what quantities, under what circumstances and all that are to be considered by the Government.

**Shri M. D. Ramasami:** What are the channels for distributing the fertilizers to the Madras Government? May I also know the figures for 1952-53?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** Madras is the State which is consuming the major bulk of this fertilizer. I am not in a position now to give the figure wanted by the hon. Member.

#### PRODUCTION IN TELEPHONE CABLE FACTORY

**\*744. Ch. Raghubir Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Telephone Cable Factory will meet the annual requirements of the Posts and Telegraphs Department?

(b) If so, what is the annual output?

(c) If not, how much has India to import?

**The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy):** (a) The Telephone Cable Factory was initially planned to produce on single-shift basis the full requirements of telephone cables of the Posts and Telegraphs Department as estimated in 1950. Re-

cently, the Posts and Telegraphs Department have more than doubled this demand. The question of adjustment of this capacity to meet the increased demand is under examination.

(b) The Factory has been planned for a scheduled output of 469 mlie length of cable per annum, on single shift basis, but production has not yet started.

(c) In view of the answer to part (a), it is not possible to form an estimate of the amount India will have to import. It appears, however, that for some time after the factory starts production, some imports will be necessary.

**Shri T. N. Singh:** What is the basis on which quotations of the price of these telephone instruments are given by the factory to Government, and on what basis are they purchased?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** This has nothing to do with telephone instruments, Sir.

**Kumari Annie Mascarene:** May I know what percentage of the import of these materials has been lessened after the factory has begun to produce?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** Sir, the factory has not yet gone into production. It is expected to go into production by the end of this year. It is expected that the production will be of the order of about 500 miles length of cable. That will be, according to the present demand of the Posts and Telegraphs Department, about fifty per cent. of our requirements.

**Shri V. P. Nayar:** May I know whether this factory will produce the ordinary paired wires type of cables or the coaxial type of cables?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** I am sorry, the hon. Member knows more about the technical side, and I would require notice to go fully into the question.

**Shri Sarangadhar Das:** May I know if in the production of cables in this factory any engineers of the Posts and Telegraphs Department are connected?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** So far as I know, no, Sir. The engineers connected with this Telephone Cable Factory are drawn from the Standard Telephone and Cable Company of U.K.

**Shri Sarangadhar Das:** May I know why at least one or two of the Posts and Telegraphs Department engineers are not connected with it?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** I would require notice.

**Shri A. M. Thomas:** The factory was expected to go into production in June 1953. What exactly is the reason for the delay?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** There was some delay in the delivery of the plant that is required for this factory. The bottlenecks have now been removed and the plant has almost completely arrived and is in the process of being set up.

**Sardar Hukam Singh:** May I know whether the Telephones and Cables Limited U. K., which has been entrusted with the erection of the plant and supervision of the building and other works and starting the business, would have any interest in the actual production of these cables and the profits?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** They have no interest in the production of this unit, if the hon. Member means whether they will take a part of the production for their own use or anything like that. They will help us not only in putting up the plant and in the supervision, etc. and giving the technical know-how, but for some time they will be there to supervise the actual production after production starts.

**Shri T. S. A. Chettiar:** May I know whether the Government could give us an idea as to how the prices will

compare between the products in this factory and the products that are being imported?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** It is always difficult to compare the cost of production here with the cost of production in other countries. The cost of production as we have estimated now is susceptible to great changes a year hence or six months hence because of changed conditions. So far as calculations have been made hitherto, the cost of production in this factory will compare favourably with the cost of production elsewhere.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know what is the estimated cost of establishment of this factory, whether this factory will be a purely Government owned factory or what will be its designation?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** I presume what the hon. Member wants is the estimated capital cost that would go into the construction of the factory. If that presumption is correct, about Rs. 110 lakhs will be required for putting up this plant. It is a Government owned factory.

**Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:** How many people are likely to get employment in this?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** I cannot give exact figures; may be about 300.

**Shri Velayudhan:** The hon. Minister said that the factory has not yet begun production. May I know whether the whole recruitment is over: recruitment of officers, etc.?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** Some recruitment has taken place.

**Sardar Hukam Singh:** May I know whether it is a fact that the Telephones and Cables Ltd., shall have a share in the profits or whether they will be paid any lump sum for the supervision work that they are doing?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** I would not like to answer this question fully on this

occasion because it is a complicated matter. I would refer the hon. Member to the Agreement, a copy of which, I believe, has been already laid on the Table of the House. I can say this: they are to get some percentage on the turn over. The other details are there in the agreement. If the hon. Member puts down a separate question, I shall answer.

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** The hon. Member will look into the agreement.

**Kumari Annie Mascarene:** May I know whether you have engaged the services of foreign experts and if so, from which country?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** The company with whose collaboration we are putting up this plant, has supplied the necessary experts. No other experts from other concerns or other countries have been appointed.

**Some Hon. Members rose —**

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** I have allowed a sufficient number of questions. Next question.

#### TRIESTE FAIR

\*746. **Sardar A. S. Saigal:** (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether India participated in the Trieste Fair (Italy) which was held from the 27th June to 14th July 1953?

(b) Is it a fact that Trieste is one of the principal European centres of trade?

(c) Did Government send all kinds of goods, including hand-made articles to the Trieste Fair?

(d) How many kinds of articles, including all those of cottage industry, were sent to this Trieste Fair?

(e) What amount did Government sanction for participating in the Trieste Fair?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir. The policy is to send goods which are exportable and which are likely to find a market in the area covered by the exhibition concerned. The consignment included handmade articles.

(d) 173 kinds of articles under nine major categories.

(e) Rs. 37,000/-.

**Sardar A. S. Saigal:** May I know whether there was any interest shown by the trade and how India will meet the traders' demands?

**Shri Karmarkar:** There was keen interest shown. Twenty-one enquiries have been made regarding some of the goods exhibited there. When orders come, we shall do the needful to meet the demands.

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**श्री करमरकर :** जी हाँ, इन नुमाइशों में हम जो चीजें भेज सकते हैं वे वहाँ भेजते हैं और उन का ठीक उपयोग भी हो जाता है।

**Shri A. M. Thomas:** May I know the number of items of our cottage industry products which have been exported to Italy?

**Shri Karmarkar:** Cottage industry products including handlooms such as saree materials, gold and silver tissues, silk and cotton brocades, scarves, cotton bed-spreads, etc., etc.

**Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy:** May I know how many countries participated in this Exhibition?

**Shri Karmarkar:** Thirty-two nations.

श्री बाबशाह गुप्त : यह सामान जो वहाँ भेजा गया था वह बेचने के लिए भेजा।