

(b) the circumstances under which these imports are made in view of the fact that Breweries and Distilleries in India are engaged in producing them in sufficient quantities and of good quality?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar):** (a) Mainly from the U. K., Netherlands, France, Australia, Italy, U. S. A., Spain and Portugal.

(b) Limited imports have been permitted because indigenous production is not adequate and the consumer demand is for better quality goods.

#### GYPNUM

**\*882. Shri Morarka:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of gypsum that the Sindri Fertilisers buy from Rajasthan every year;

(b) the rate at which this is purchased; and

(c) whether there is any contract between the Sindri Fertilisers and Rajasthan Government for the supply of gypsum for any definite period of time?

**The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy):** (a) About 2,50,000 tons, per year.

(b) Rs. 5-14-0 per ton of gypsum of 87 per cent. purity F. O. R. Jamsar.

(c) No.

#### EMPORIA

**\*883. Shri Achuthan:** (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the policy of Government with regard to the opening of emporia and participating in exhibitions in foreign countries and exhibiting our indigenous works of art and other manufactured articles, especially handicrafts, in our embassies and legations?

(b) How many emporia of ours are there at present in foreign countries and in which countries are they situated?

(c) Is there any increase of export to those countries where such advertisement has been made?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar):** (a) Our object is to help the development of our export trade by giving as wide publicity as possible to goods which we want to export. We would desire to provide everyone of our Missions abroad with a show-room or commercial samples room. Subject to the need for economy, we also participate in a number of international fairs and exhibitions, the selection being done every year according to the importance of the fair and the likelihood of our being able to gain by participation in it.

(b) A list is placed on the Table [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 37.]

(c) Yes, I think so. It is, however not practicable to assess the results quantitatively, as Government is not in a position to book specific commercial orders on behalf of mercantile firms.

#### COTTAGE INDUSTRIES PRODUCTS

**467. Shri A. N. Vidyasankar:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent orders passed by the U.P. Government and certain other State Governments about granting certain preferences in price to the products of cottage and small-scale industries over the mill-made articles;

(b) whether any such policy has been adopted in the Government of India's Store Purchase Departments;

(c) whether the Government of India have issued similar instructions to their departments; and

(d) whether any steps are being taken to adopt a uniform store-purchase policy in all the States and in the Central Government to give preference to the products of small scale and cottage industries over the mill-made articles?

**The Deputy Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri Buragohain):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Government of India have recognized the need to develop Cottage and Small-scale industry in the