

Shri R. G. Dubey: The Health Officer has submitted recommendations. The only suggestion he has made is that they should be frequently cleaned by pouring more water.

Dr. Lanka Sundaram: Is the Minister aware of the fact that the vast majority of the quarters available for unskilled workers have no walls but the interspaces between the corners are made up with matting, including bamboo matting?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): Is the hon. Member referring to unauthorised quarters which have crept up in the colony?

Dr. Lanka Sundaram: My question is in the colony proper. I make a reference to the quarters occupied by Oriya labour in particular.

Shri K. C. Reddy: I have no information Sir; I would like to have notice.

Shri P. C. Bose: What are the specifications of the labour quarters?

Shri R. G. Dubey: There are three types, P.Q. and semi-permanent.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

CIGARETTES

*118. **Shri Heda:** (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the number of factories that manufacture cigarettes in India at present, their production and value?

(b) Are there in operation small scale machines, viz., machines requiring less than 10 workers, to manufacture cigarettes?

(c) If so, what is their number?

(d) What percentage did the internal production form of the total consumption in number and value, in the last three years?

(e) Is there any programme to increase the production and make the country self-sufficient?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) 16 Factories are in production at present. The total production in 1952 was 20,110 million cigarettes. The total value of cigarettes manufactured in India in 1952-53 was Rs. 30.24 crores, excluding duty; including duty the total value was Rs. 37.59 crores.

(b) Yes, Sir. It is reported that normally 2 or 3 people are only required to operate a cigarette manufacturing machine.

(c) Information as to the total number of cigarette manufacturing machines is not available.

(d) Indigenous production meets practically the consumption demands of the country. Only token imports have been allowed during the last three years, to maintain quality and price of indigenous cigarettes.

(e) There seems to be no need to do this in the immediate future.

DAMODAR VALLEY CORPORATION

*119. **Shri S. N. Mishra:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether any conference of the participating Governments was recently held to consider the report of the D.V.C. Enquiry Committee; and

(b) if so, whether Government have formulated their decisions on the recommendations of the Committee?

* **The Minister of Planning and Irrigation and Power (Shri Nanda):** (a) Yes, Sir. The Conference was held on the 26th and 27th October, 1953.

(b) Government are considering the recommendations of the Committee in the light of the views of the participating Governments as expressed in the Conference. Final decision will be taken shortly.

KANPUR TEXTILE MILLS

*121. **Shri Tuskar Chatterjee:** (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether