

has been included in our Trade Agreements with the following countries:—

1. Austria.
2. Czechoslovakia.
3. Germany.
4. Hungary.
5. Norway.
6. Poland.
7. Sweden.
8. Yugoslavia.
9. Italy.

Further to enable our manganese ore to compete in the international market, Government abolished on the 18th August, 1954 the export duty of 15 per cent, *ad valorem* on this ore.

CACOONS AND RAW SILK

**\*1329. Shrimati Ila Palchoudhury:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to develop the raw silk industry in the Darjeeling District; and

(b) if so, the grants that Government propose to give for this purpose?

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

(b) The Central Silk Board has sanctioned a sum of Rs. 47,000 during 1953-54.

U.N. SECRETARIAT

**\*1332. Shri Ibrahim:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians employed at present in the United Nations Secretariat;

(b) their conditions of service;

(c) whether there is any percentage fixed for the different nations in regard to the employment of their nationals in the Secretariat; and

(d) if so, what is the percentage?

**The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shri Anil K. Chanda):** (a) 42.

(b) They are governed by Articles 100 and 101 of the Charter of the United Nations.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) As far as practicable the numerical representation of Member Nation on the staff is in accordance with the percentage of its total contribution to the budget of the United Nations.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

**Sardar Hukam Singh:**  
**Shri Tulsidas:**  
**\*1337. { Shri Shivnanjappa:**  
**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:**  
**Shri Bogawat.**  
**Shri N. B. Chowdhury:**

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for setting up an Industrial Development Corporation has been finalised; and

(b) whether the shares will be open to private industrialists also?

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

(a) Not yet, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

EXPORT TO CEYLON

**\*1342. Shri Ibrahim:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the reasons for the decline in value of exports to Ceylon from Rs. 211.8 million in 1952 to Rs. 200 million in 1953?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar):** According to the figures of exports from India to Ceylon compiled and published by the Government of India, the value of exports from India to Ceylon during 1952 and 1953 was Rs. 1,985 lakhs and Rs. 1,811 lakhs, respectively.

The fall in Ceylon's imports from India during 1953 was proportionate to the fall in total Ceylonese imports from all sources during 1953. However, the decline in the value of India's exports to Ceylon during 1953