- (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.
- (f) It is estimated to be 12,000 cars and 12,000 trucks a year excluding the special requirements of Defence and State Transport Services.

STATEMENT

(In Lakhs of Rs.)

	Cars			Trucks	
	Quantity		Value	Quantity	Value
1949		8,463	375	15,342	765
1950		8,061	304	4,914	332
1951		9,677	442	3,743	229

Note—(i) The above figures exclude components minus the engines imported by Messrs. Hindustan Motors Ltd., Calcutta.

(ii) The figures include import of cars in built-up condition imported as personal baggage or by foreign diplomats stationed in India.

CEMENT (PRICE)

*770. Shri Jhunjhunwala: Pandit M. B. Bhargava: Will the Minister of Commerce Industry be pleased to state: and

- (a) whether three new cement fac-tories, one in Saurashtra and two in South India, are being allowed a specially higher price with effect from the 1st July, 1949;
- (b) if so, the prices that are allowed to these factories and the difference between the prices allowed to factories and the older units; and
- (c) how long these factories will be allowed to charge the higher price?

The Minister of Commerce Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):
(a) Not now. The higher price concession allowed to the three cement factories from 1st July 1949 has been withdrawn from 1st April 1952.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

TRADE AGREEMENT WITH PAKISTAN

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): The matter is under consideration.

OVERPAYMENT IN CONTRACT IN DAMODAR VALLEY PROJECT

*772. Shri A. K. Gopalan: Will the Minister of Planning and River Valley Schemes be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any loss has been in-curred in the Damodar Valley project by over-paying on any single contract;
 - (b) if so, how much was the loss:
- (c) who was responsible for the loss; and
- (d) what action was taken in this regard?

The Minister of Planning and River Valley Schemes (Shri Nanda): (a) No.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

NATIONAL BUILDING ORGANISATION

*773. Shri A. M. Thomas: (a) Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state whether any proposal is under consideration to establish a National Building Organisation to collect, collate and dissiminate technical information?

(b) Has the Committee of experts appointed for building works recommended such a course?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) The proposal to establish a National Building Organisation is under consideration. Inter-departmental consultations are in progress and will be completed shortly. The proposal has the support of the Planning Commission, who have said in their draft Five Year Plan that a National Building Organisation should be set up on the lines of the Central Roads Organisation with a view to pooling the ex-periences of principal engineering officers connected with buildings in the various States.

(b) Yes.

पश्चिमी पंजाब के विस्थापित व्यक्तियों का ऋण

*७७४ डा० सत्यवाबी : क्या पनर्वास मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे:

- (क) पश्चिमी पंजाब से आये विस्थापित व्यक्तियों को दिये गये ऋण की कल राशि ;
- (स) ऋण पाने वाले हरिजन विस्थापित व्यक्तियों की संख्या और ऋण की कुल राशि: