

## AMERICAN COTTON

\*902. **Shri A. M. Thomas:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state as to how many bales of U.S. cotton India is to import during the year 1952?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** 11.25 lakh bales of 400 lbs. each during the period 1-9-51 to 31-12-52.

## RAW MATERIALS

\*903. **Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay:** (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the demand for raw materials from Asian countries is steadily going down?

(b) How far has it affected our export trade and in respect of what commodities?

(c) What is the effect of this decline of demand on the rubber, coal and sugar industries?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** (a) and (b). There has been no fall in demand from Asian countries for raw materials which India generally exports to Asian countries.

(c) India has little rubber for export. On the other hand, we import. The demand for coal from Asian countries has, if anything, increased. Normally, India is not an exporter of sugar. But recently, a quota of 50,000 tons has been earmarked for export. Owing to comparatively high prices, the demand for Indian sugar is not brisk from any source.

## NEWSPRINT

\*904. **Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay:** (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state what is the quantity and valuation of newsprint that we imported in the years 1950 and 1951 and from what countries are they imported?

(b) What is the quantity required for the year 1952 and what is its valuation?

(c) What is the trend of price of Scandinavian newsprint, and for what amount have we placed order for Scandinavian newsprint this year?

**The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar):**

(a) in lakhs of rupees)

Year	Quantity imported (Tons)	Value
1950	61,000 approx.	394 approx.
1951	64,000 approx.	647 approx.

Imports were made mainly from Austria, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Finland, Japan, Netherland, Norway, Sweden, U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R.

(b) Approximately 60,000 tons, which at the prevailing price will cost about 480 lakhs of rupees.

(c) During the past few months the prices have shown a downward trend. Information regarding orders placed for import of Scandinavian newsprint is not available, as newsprint is on Open General Licence for purposes of import.

## SOAP

\*905. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of soaps (in tons) manufactured in India by Indian Companies in 1947 to 1951 (year-wise);

(b) the total quantity of soaps imported for the above period; and

(c) the total quantity of soaps manufactured in India by foreign enterprises and marked "made in India"?

**The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar):** (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 15.] All the factories manufacturing soap in India are registered under the Indian Companies Act and as such fall in the category of "Indian Companies".

## JUTE TRADE

\*906. **Shri Tushar Chatterjee:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) what are the countries with which India has trade in jute and jute products; and

(b) whether there is any proposal from the side of the Government of India for such trade with U.S.S.R. and China?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** (a) Export of raw jute is not allowed. The principal countries are Australia, Argentina, British East Africa, Burma, Canada, Cuba, China, Egypt, Mexico, Nigeria, New Zealand, Pakistan, Thailand, United Kingdom and United States of America.

(b) Export of jute goods is allowed freely through the trade. U.S.S.R. and China, like other countries, can buy as much jute goods as they like.

Usually, however, U.S.S.R. does not buy jute goods from India, but China is a regular importer.

#### IRON SMELTING FACTORIES

\*907. **Shri Viswanatha Reddy:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Japanese Technical Mission that recently visited India, has recommended any particular region or regions for the setting up of Iron Smelting Factories and if so, what are the regions selected; and

(b) whether the possibilities of setting up a factory in Rayalaseema where large quantity of high grade iron ore occurs, have been examined and if so, what are the results?

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

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Government are aware of the deposits of iron ore in Rayalaseema, but its selection as a site for a steel Plant or a Pig Iron Plant has not been recommended by the Steel Consultants who were appointed by the Government of India in 1948 to make a technical survey and report on the establishment of new steel works on the ground that coking coal is not available in the South.

#### CLOTH SENT TO ORISSA

\*908. **Dr. Nataraj Pandey:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Orissa have drawn the attention of the Government of India to the large quantity of unmarketable cloth and yarn supplied to the Orissa State by the different production centres in the monthly quotas of cloth and yarn indentured by that State; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, what steps have been taken by Government to see that only such variety of cloth and yarn for which there is a market and there is a demand are sent to the Orissa State?

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

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### LEVEL OF GANGA

\*909. **Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** Will the Minister of Planning and River Valley Schemes be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the level of water in the Ganga is going lower and lower in every succeeding summer, specially in Benares and Patna; and

(b) whether any scheme has been drawn up to prevent this?

**The Minister of Planning and River Valley Schemes (Shri Nanda):** (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as possible.

#### FLATS FOR M. Ps.

\*910. **Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state whether it is a fact that one more block of flats for the residential purpose of M. Ps is to be constructed in the South Avenue?

**The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Sardar Swaran Singh):** Yes, Sir. It is proposed to construct 72 more flats on South Avenue for the Members of Parliament.

#### COTTAGE INDUSTRIES

\*911. **Shri Jhulan Sinha:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the steps taken to co-ordinate the development of Cottage Industries in this country?

**The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar):** A Cottage Industries Board has been set up with the object of assisting Government in co-ordinating the development of cottage industries. A Cottage Industries Directorate has been set up to implement the recommendations of the Board. It has also been recently decided to have biennial meetings with representatives of the State Governments to discuss programmes for the development of cottage industries.

#### INDIANS IN BURMA

\*912. **Shri Kandasamy:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) how many Indians are still in Burma;

(b) what the final settlement of the claims of Indian landholders for compensation has been;

(c) whether any discrimination was shown in fixing and paying this compensation as between Indian, Pakistanis and Burmese landholders;

(d) the steps being taken to ensure minimum wages and salaries for Indian labour; and