

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Shri Satish Chandra):

(a) About 100 miles.

(b) and (c). About 20 miles of the boundary lies along the river Mahananda. About 40 miles is land boundary. The remaining 40 miles lie along the river Nagar. As this river has been shifting its course, the actual boundary cuts several times across the river and will have to be demarcated.

(d) No. Permanent boundary pillars will be erected when the boundary has been demarcated.

COAL SHORTAGE IN WEST BENGAL

***924. Shri N. B. Chowdhury:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state what steps Government have taken to remove coal shortage in West Bengal?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): Due to inadequate wagon supplies, shortage of coal, especially to low priority consumers, sometimes results, but such shortages are not confined to West Bengal. The supply position can improve with improvement in the general transport position.

When specific cases of shortage in particular industries are brought to notice, special action is taken by the Coal Commissioner to arrange *ad hoc* supplies.

MARKING OF CLOTH

***925. Shri Badshah Gupta:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the number of officers appointed to mark and fix the prices and specify the quality of Indian made cotton cloth with their respective jurisdictions?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): The Textile Commissioner, Bombay, fixes prices of cloth and yarn. No officers have been appointed to mark prices separately and specify quality of cloth.

TOBACCO

***926. Kumari Annie Mascarene:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme to grow sufficient tobacco in India and especially in South India;

(b) whether Government are aware that Jaffna tobacco is sold at a high price in India;

(c) whether Government propose to stop the import of Jaffna tobacco into India; and

(d) whether Government have entered into any agreement with the Government of Ceylon for the import of Jaffna tobacco and if so, what are the conditions?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): (a) and (b). Information is under collection and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir. The import of Jaffna tobacco, a variety of unmanufactured tobacco, may be imported from Ceylon under our normal import regulations

TOBACCO (IMPORT)

***927. Kumari Annie Mascarene:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of tobacco imported into India from Jaffna (Ceylon) year by year;

(b) the price per bale or pound;

(c) the rate of import duty; and

(d) whether Government are aware of the rise in price quite recently to ten rupees and more per pound?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): (a) 8,90,346 lbs. in 1950-51 and 3,54,245 lbs. in 1951-52 of tobacco were imported from Jaffna. Details of imports for previous years are not available.

(b) The average price per lb. (exclusive of import duty) was Rs. 1-10-2 during 1950-51 and Rs. 1-11-4 during 1951-52.

(c) Chewing tobacco imported from Jaffna (Ceylon) into India through Alleppey Port (Travancore) is assessed to duty at Rs. 300 per candy, i.e., annas eight per lb. Other unmanufactured tobacco imported into India is assessed to duty at Rs. 9/6/- per lb. plus 5 per cent. of the total duty.

(d) No, Sir.

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