

(b) whether persons of non-Indian nationality have been employed in the said Factory?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) The monthly salary of the General Manager is Rs. 3,000.

(b) Yes.

HIDES AND LEATHER GOODS

*1232. **Shri Kajrolkar:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of hides exported from India during the last three years and the countries to which they were exported;

(b) the total amount of foreign exchange earned in the transaction;

(c) the total quantity and the description of finished leather goods imported into India during the last three years, and the foreign exchange paid by India in the transaction;

(d) whether Government have made any efforts to develop the manufacture in India of the finished leather goods which are now imported, and, if so, what those efforts are; and

(e) whether there are factories in India which manufacture such goods?

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

	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52
	(tons.)	(tons.)	(tons.)
Hides (Raw)	783	1973	1249
Hides (Tanned)	15735	17546	16750
Total :	16518	19519	17999

Exports were made mainly to U.S.A., U.K. and Japan.

(in lakhs of rupee)

1949-50	874
1950-51	1271
1951-52	1423

(c) Imports are mainly of industrial leather goods. A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 24.]

(d) Government gives interested parties every assistance in obtaining machinery and raw materials and in the trial of their products.

(e) Yes, Sir.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS IN BIHAR

*1233. **Shri Jhulan Sinha:** (a) Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to refer to the reply to my starred

question No. 641 asked on the 9th June, 1952 and state the number, sites and description of the community projects selected for Bihar?

(b) Have these sites been selected out of a list submitted by the State Government or were these projects the only ones recommended by the Government of Bihar?

The Minister of Planning and Irrigation and Power (Shri Nanda): (a) Four projects and one development block have been allotted to Bihar as follows:

1. Pusa-Samastipur-Begusarai area.
2. Dehri-Bhabua-Mohania area.
3. Ormanjhi-Ranchi-Mandar area.
4. Jehanabad-Ekanga-sarai-Bihar-Barbigha area.
5. Santhal Parganas (Raneshwar Block)—One Development Block.

(b) The plots were selected out of a list of 11 project areas submitted by the State Government.

GRANT-IN-AID FOR KHADI

*1234. **Shri Jhulan Sinha:** (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply to starred question No. 643 asked on the 9th June, 1952 and state the Khadi producing centres to which the grant in aid for promotion of Khadi has been given?

(b) Has Khadi as handspun and handwoven cloth received or is likely to receive any preferential treatment at the hands of the Central Government as distinct from other handwoven cloth beyond the grant of the above mentioned subsidy?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): (a) A lump grant of Rs. 2,00,000 was given to the All India Spinners' Association during the year 1951-52 for distribution as grants-in-aid to deserving khadi producing centres affiliated to them. The A.I.S.R. have not yet disbursed the amount in full.

(b) Various proposals for the encouragement of khadi are under examination.

SALE OF HOUSES TO DISPLACED PERSONS

*1235. **Shrimati Sucheta Kripalani:** Will the Minister of Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rehabilitation Ministry has been selling houses to the displaced persons (i) on an outright