

(a) the up-to-date position of cement regarding its

- (i) Production in India,
- (ii) Import from outside, and
- (iii) Distribution;

(b) whether sufficient quantity is available to meet the full requirements of the consumers; and

(c) if not, what steps are being taken to achieve self-sufficiency in cement?

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

(a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 27.]

(b) and (c). With the expansion schemes already sanctioned cement production will increase from the present annual capacity of 3.72 million tons to 4.08 million tons by the end of this year and by 1955, to 4.95 million tons. This, it is hoped, will be sufficient to meet the full demand of the country.

EXTENSION TRAINING CENTRES

*1249. **Shri Dabhi:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that five Extension Training Centres and fifteen Development Blocks are going to be set up in the different parts of India under the agreement between the Ford Foundation and the Government of India; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, what are the places in Bombay State where Extension Training Centres have been set up or are proposed to be set up as also the areas in Bombay State to which Intensive Development Blocks extend or are going to be extended?

The Minister of Planning and Irrigation and Power (Shri Nanda): (a) and (b). The question has been passed on to the Ministry of Food and Agriculture for reply.

JOURNALS AND MAGAZINES

*1250. **Shri C. N. P. Sinha:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the number of journals and magazines published by the Ministry, their circulation and the cost of production; and

(b) whether Government propose to revive the publication of the weeklies Indian Market and the Foreign Market Review?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):
(a) One journal, which has a circulation of 2,600 copies and costs Rs. 15,000 per annum.

(b) Representations from some Chambers of Commerce to this effect have been received and are under consideration.

ORISSA TEXTILE MILLS

*1251. **Shri Niranjan Jena:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total output of textile goods by the Orissa Textile Mills;

(b) whether these textile goods are exported to any other States and, if so, how many bales have been exported during the years 1951 and 1952; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the prices of different kinds of cloth of this Mill are comparatively higher than those of other Mills?

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

(a) The Orissa Textile Mills produced 5,571,000 lbs. of yarn and 14,400,000 yards of cloth in the year 1951 and 2,337,000 lbs. of yarn and 4,349,000 yards of cloth in the period January-April 1952.

(b) Yarn produced by the Mills has not so far been exported to any other State. Transport permits to despatch 613 bales of cloth to other States were issued to the Mill in the year 1951 and for the despatch of 631 bales of cloth have been issued so far in the year 1952.

(c) No.

STATE TRADING

*1252. **Shri Gopala Rao:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any change in the basic policy of Trade pursued by Government in the light of recommendations made by the State Trading Committee; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to take over the foreign trade of our important export commodities by Government?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):
(a) and (b). No, Sir.