

COTTAGE INDUSTRIES IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR

*14. **Th. Lakshman Singh Charak:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned to the State of Jammu and Kashmir for development of the cottage industry there; and

(b) whether any request was made by the State Government for the same?

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

(a) Rs. 1,65,000.

(b) Yes, Sir.

VILLAGE INDUSTRIES WORKERS

*15. **Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to open centres for the training of village industries workers; and

(b) if so, how many and where?

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

(a) and (b). The Khadi and Village Industries Board are preparing a scheme for the purpose.

FOREIGN LIQUOR

*16. **Shri Dabhi:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently adopted a policy of allowing imports of foreign liquor very liberally; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

NEWSPRINT FACTORY

*17. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Punjab have approached the Government of India for sanction to set up

a newsprint factory in Himachal Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme?

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

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

TEA (PRICES)

*18. **Shri Gidwani:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to unstarred question No. 901 on the 29th September, 1954 and state the steps taken to bring down the prices of tea to a reasonable level?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): Some of the factors that operate towards the present high level of prices of tea outside India are beyond our control. Steps are being taken, however, to ensure that adequate supplies are available for internal consumption.

COAL WASHERIES

*19. **Shri P. C. Bose:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee appointed to enquire into the problems of coal washing has since submitted its final report;

(b) if so, the main recommendations of the Committee;

(c) the number of washeries already set up; and

(d) the names of the places where they have been set up and the result of their working?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) The Committee was appointed by the Coal Board and has submitted its report to the Coal Board. The Coal Board has not yet made any proposal to the Government on the basis of the recommendations made by the Committee.

(b) A statement containing the main recommendations made by the