

make any such comparison. But roughly, I may indicate that the capital that will be required for a plant to produce 1,400 tons of D.D.T. will be about Rs. 75 lakhs.

CLOTH

*661. **Shri Bishwa Nath Roy:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the export of Indian cloth was more than the import of foreign cloth during 1954?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): Yes, Sir. Much more than the imports.

Shri Bishwa Nath Roy: May I know the value of the cloth exported last year, and that of imported cloth last year?

Shri Kanungo: The value of mill cloth exported in 1954 was Rs. 5814.59 lakhs. The export of handloom cloth amounted to 57.98 million yards. The import of piece-goods to India during recent years, i.e. in 1953-54 was valued at Rs. 102 lakhs.

Shri Bishwa Nath Roy: May I know whether any step has been taken for improving the export of Indian cloth to South-East Asian countries?

Shri Kanungo: Export promotion is a continuous process.

Shri Altekar: May I know the type of cloth that is imported, and the type that is exported?

Shri Kanungo: The types exported are mostly greys of all sorts. Imports are usually organdees, umbrella cloth, and Italian satins.

Shri Bishwa Nath Roy: May I know whether our export to Tibet decreased last year in comparison with that during the year before that year?

Shri Kanungo: I have not got the information.

Shri Gadilingana Gowd: On a previous occasion, it was stated by Government that there was shortage of cotton yarn in this country. May I

know what were the special reasons that weighed with Government in allowing these exports?

Shri Kanungo: The internal needs are satisfied, and therefore, goods are exported.

Shrimati Ammu Swaminadhan: The hon. Minister just now stated that organdee is imported. In view of the fact that India makes very fine muslins, is it necessary for us to import such cloth as organdee?

Shri Kanungo: Organdee is a very small item.

Shrimati Sushama Sen: Satins are made in India. So why should we import satins?

Shri Kanungo: Italian satins are not made in India.

AFGHAN DELEGATION

*603. **Shri B. D. Shastri:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether any industrial Delegation from Afghanistan visited this country in the middle of January, 1955;

(b) if so, the main purpose of their visit; and

(c) whether the Delegation came at the invitation of Government?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) and (c). Yes, Sir.

(b) The main purpose of the delegation's visit was to make a first-hand study of the technique and set up of Indian handloom textile organisation and also of cottage and small-scale industries.

श्री बी० डी० शास्त्री: क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि इस डेलीगेशन ने देश के किस किस हिस्से में दौरा किया है ?

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