

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) 804.59 million yards valued at Rs. 5814.59 lakhs.

(b) and (c). The Planning Commission envisaged an export target at 1,000 million yards from 1953 onwards. Having regard to the competition in our export markets and increasing internal demand, an increase of more than 200 million yards in exports over the preceding year's export of 593 million yards is considered satisfactory.

(d) Government are watching the trend of exports. Besides, they have recently set up the Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council for exploring ways and means of increasing the exports of Indian cotton piecegoods.

ठाकुर दुग्गल किरासेर सिंह : हिन्दुस्तान में जितनी डिमान्ड है उस के मुताबिक कपड़ा तैयार हो जाता है ?

श्री कानूनगो : जी, हाँ ।

ठाकुर दुग्गल किरासेर सिंह : प्रति मनुष्य की खपत का प्रीवार होयेल क्या था ?

श्री कानूनगो : इस के लिये तो नोटिस बरहिबे ।

ठाकुर दुग्गल किरासेर सिंह : आज कल प्रति आदमी कितनी डिमान्ड है ?

श्री कानूनगो : अब तो हमारी मिल्स का प्रोडक्शन करीब 8000 मिलियन यार्ड्स है ।

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री करमरकर) : अभी हमारे भाई ने जो सवाल का जवाब दिया उस के साथ मैं यह जवाब और देना चाहता हूँ कि हमारा प्रीवार कंजप्शन आफ क्लॉथ १५ दशमलव कुछ गज था और अब भी १५ दशमलव कुछ गज हमारी अवैलीबिलिटी है ।

TEA

*235. Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether matters concerning the tea prices and the possibilities of quick movements of export quota were discussed with Mr. A. R. W. Low, Minister of State for the U. K.

Board of Trade, during his visit to Delhi recently; and

(b) if so, whether any decision to increase the export quota of tea has been taken as a result of the discussions?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) and (b). Discussions with Mr. Low were confidential and it will not be in the public interest to disclose any information on the subject.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: May I know the difference between the price at which the Indian tea is exported from India, and the price it fetches in the London market?

Shri Karmarkar: That is a good question, but it does not arise out of this. I am not ready with that answer.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: There is no question that arises out of this, because it has been stated that everything is kept confidential. Then, how are we to know what to ask?

Mr. Speaker: The better course is not to ask.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: May I know whether the hon. Minister of Commerce and Industry has given an assurance to Mr. Low that India will co-operate with U. K. in bringing down the level of prices of tea?

Shri Karmarkar: That is an intelligent way of asking another supplementary, which I have already stated does not arise.

CENTRAL BOARD OF INDUSTRIES

*236. Shri K. C. Sodhia: Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made with regard to the creation of a Single Central Board for Industries as recommended on page 161 of the Five Year Plan Progress Report for 1953-54; and

(b) what will be the main functions of this Board and what bodies it will supplant?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) The proposal to constitute a single Central Board for