

**ELECTRIC CABLES FACTORY AT
MADRAS**

***1952. Shri Sivamurthi Swami :** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a factory to manufacture electric cables and wires is going to be established shortly in Madras; and

(b) if so, the estimated cost and the production capacity of this factory?

The Minister of Industrial Development (Shri M. M. Shah) : (a) and (b). An application under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951 has been received from an Indian firm to set up a factory in Madras for the manufacture of insulated wires and cables in collaboration with a German firm. This is under examination.

COFFEE

***1954. Shri M. Islamuddin :** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to the Starred Question No. 869 on the 15th December, 1955 and state :

(a) whether the Special Officer appointed to conduct a detailed survey of all cultivable lands in the States of Coorg, Mysore and Madras with a view to increasing the acreage under Coffee cultivation has since submitted his report; and

(b) if so, the main contents of the report ?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar) : (a) Yes, Sir; in respect of North Canara and Coorg.

(b) According to his report, about 25,000 acres of jungle are estimated to be available for coffee cultivation, in North Canara.

As regards Coorg, it is estimated that about 11,800 acres of abandoned area are fit to be reclaimed and 24,600 acres of virgin jungle suitable for new plantings.

ENQUIRY INTO NETAJI'S DEATH

***1955. Shri Amjad Ali :** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Committee constituted for the purpose of enquiry into Netaji's death has called upon some witnesses to come up and depose with regard to "disappearance of Netaji" while others have been asked to come and depose with regard to "circumstances of Netaji's death"; and

(b) as the phrasing "disappearance of Netaji" and "circumstances of Netaji's death" widely differ in their connotation, whether they were purposely so chosen?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan) : (a) and (b). So far as is known, in none of the communications to witnesses asking them to appear before the Committee were the words "disappearance of Netaji" used.

The terms of reference of the Committee are "to enquire into and report to the Government of India on the circumstances concerning the departure of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose from Bangkok about the 16th August 1945, his alleged death as a result of an aircraft accident and subsequent developments connected therewith." These terms were purposely chosen to cover all aspects. There is no special significance in the wording of the request to the various witnesses to come up to give evidence.

**RESEARCH CENTRE FOR COSMIC
RAYS**

***1957. Shri S. V. Ramaswamy :** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made towards making Khilanmarg area a research centre for Cosmic rays;

(b) how this will be linked to the work carried on in the Physical Research Laboratory at Ahmedabad; and