

Shri Jhulan Sinha: Is it one of the reasons that the All India Khadi Board has not been able to dispose of its stocks ?

Shri K. C. Reddy: I do not know which stock the hon. Member is referring to. If he can give notice, I shall answer that.

Export of Indian Films

*31. **Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is, a great demand for Indian Films in Kenya, Uganda, Tanganika and West Indies;

(b) if so, the number of films exported to these countries in the years 1954, 1955 and 1956; and

(c) further steps proposed to be taken by the Government to increase export of Indian films to these countries ?

The Minister of Trade (Shri Karmarkar): (a) It is understood that there is fairly a substantial demand for Indian films in Kenya, Uganda, Tanganika and West Indies.

(b) Separate Statistics relating to export of films are not being separately maintained in the Sea Borne Trade Accounts. According to information received from the Indian Trade Commissioner in East Africa, films of the value of Rs. 5,20,000 and Rs. 5,33,000 were imported into British East Africa during 1954 and 1955, respectively. Figures for 1956 are not yet available. Information relating to British West Indies is also not available.

(c) There is no control on the export of Indian films under the export Control Regulations and exports can be made freely without an export licence. In order to promote exports of films, the question of setting up an Export Promotion Council for Films is under consideration.

Sardar Iqbal Singh: May I know whether the Government is trying to find out the potentialities for the Indian films in the markets of these countries ?

Shri Karmarkar: These are the reports we have received from our representatives there.

Sardar Iqbal Singh: May I know whether it is a fact that there is a big demand for the export of Indian films to these countries and whether Government is not allowing export to these countries ?

Shri Karmarkar: That is entirely wrong information. We are prepared to export any amount of films.

WRITTEN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS

Giridih Collieries

*2. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state :

(a) whether the examination of the report of the Experts Committee appointed to go into the economic working of the Giridih Collieries has since been concluded.

(b) if so, whether the recommendations have been accepted; and

(c) whether action has been initiated thereon ?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) The examination of the report of the Experts Committee has almost been completed.

(b) A final decision on the recommendations will be taken shortly.

(c) Does not arise at present.

Sandal-Wood Oil

*9. **Shri Madiah Gowda:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and the value of Sandal-Wood oil consumed in the country every year during the last five years; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to encourage the production of this oil ?

The Minister of Heavy Industries (Shri M. M. Shah): (a) Year-to-Year consumption figures of Sandal-wood oil are not available. Average annual consumption during last five years has been estimated at 68,000 lbs. The prices varied from Rs. 30 to Rs. 50 per lb.

(b) The Industry is given assistance in getting the raw materials and it is free to export its products. It has not so far made any specific request for help.

दूतरा शिपयाई

१३. श्री कृष्णाचार्य जीजी : क्या उत्पादन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या दूसरे शिपयाई की स्थापना के बारे में कोई निर्णय किया गया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो काम कब से शुरु होना ?

उत्पादन मंत्री (श्री क० च० रेड्डी) :
(क) तथा (ख) : मविष्य में दूसरे शिपयाई