

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): The project will irrigate 3.74 lakh acres of land in Nepal and will supply hydro-electric power to the extent required by that Government.

COFFEE

544. Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay: (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state what were the total quantities of coffee produced in India in the years 1947, 1950 and 1951 and in which States?

(b) What are the quantities of coffee exported in the said years, to what countries were the exports made and what was the value of such exports?

(c) What is the total consumption of coffee in our country and what is the amount of excise duty collected in the said years?

(d) What is the amount still being spent annually for popularising coffee and with what effect?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(d) The amounts spent on propaganda from the General Funds of the Indian Coffee Board, during the last 4 years are given in the Statement laid on the Table of the House. [For (a) to (d). See Appendix VII, annexure No. 7.]

As a result of the propaganda for coffee undertaken by the Board during the last 12 years, coffee consumption in the country has almost doubled.

AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURE AND IMPORT

545. Sardar Hukam Singh: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) what was the number and value of motor vehicles, parts and accessories, including tractors and motorcycles, imported on Government, civil as well as military, and private account, during each of the last five years, ending 31st March, 1952, and the countries from which these vehicles, parts and accessories were so imported;

(b) the output of the Indian motor vehicles manufacturing companies, whether by way of re-building or re-conditioning old or broken down vehicles, or those assembled from parts imported separately as parts and those wholly manufactured in India in every respect; and

(c) the approximate date by which it is expected that the several Indian concerns engaged in this Industry would

be able, among themselves, to meet, from their own aggregate production, the needs of India in this behalf?

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

(a) The Government have no information beyond what is contained in the Foreign Sea and Air-borne Trade Accounts, copies of which are available in the Library of the House.

(b) Attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to Part (c) of the Unstarred Question No. 305 on 2nd December, 1952.

(c) It would be unexpedient for Government to hazard a guess.

PATENT RIGHTS AFFECTING AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURE

546. Sardar Hukam Singh: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) what arrangements have been made by each of the motor vehicles manufacturing companies to secure patent rights affecting engines, parts and accessories of motor vehicles now made by them;

(b) whether any applications have been received, and, if so, how many in each of the last five years, ending 31st of March, 1952, for patenting any device, gadget or process, needed in the production and equipment of motor cars, their parts and accessories in India;

(c) how many of them have gone into production and proved commercial success; and

(d) whether Government have made any agreements with any motor vehicle manufacturing concern in any foreign country, from which such vehicles or parts were imported at any time in the last five years, for training up Indian technicians to a degree sufficient to enable them to build or produce these vehicles, their parts, or accessories, within this country?

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

(a) So far as Government are aware, the Indian manufacturers have entered into agreements with foreign manufacturers for securing the technical know-how. Government do not have details.

(b) 73 applications were received for the period from 1st April 1947 to 31st March 1952, as detailed below:

1947-48	21
1948-49	9
1949-50	18
1950-51	12
1951-52	13