

damages from unauthorised occupants except through courts of law which process was long and cumbersome.

MANDI ROCK SALT

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

(a) the system of the distribution of Mandi rock salt and the duty, if any, charged thereon;

(b) the quantity made over to different States during 1950-51 and 1951-52;

(c) whether any quantity of rock salt was imported from Pakistan during those years and if so, the amount imported ;

(d) whether any duty was charged by Pakistan on this salt; and

(e) if so, how much per maund?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) A note explaining the position with regard to distribution is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 10.]

No duty is levied.

(b) A statement showing the details is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 9.]

(c) Yes. 1,80,000 mds. in 1950-51, and 17,000 maunds in 1951-52.

(d) No.

(e) Does not arise.

RAW MATERIALS FOR NEPA MILLS

565. Shri Jasani: (a) Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to refer to the reply to my starred question No. 2053 asked on the 24th July, 1952 regarding loans and grants given to Madhya Pradesh Government for development of industrial and power projects and state whether the Union Government have made full investigation about the availability of raw materials required for the manufacture of news-print for Nepa mills situated in Madhya Pradesh?

(b) If so, what are those raw materials and what quantity will be required for keeping the mill working continuously throughout the year to its fullest capacity and from where they will be available?

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

(a) The Union Government have not made this investigation; but the Madhya Pradesh Government, who are directly concerned with the Project, have.

(b) The raw materials required are about 22,500 tons of salai and 30,000 tons of bamboos per year, to enable the Nepa Mills to maintain their capacity output of 30,000 tons of newsprint per annum. These raw materials are available from the forests of Madhya Pradesh in the neighbourhood of the Mills.

INDIAN TEXTILE GOODS (EXPORT)

566. Shri Madhao Reddi: Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state what are the reasons for the recent fall in export of Indian textile goods?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): The fall in export is due to the general depression in the textile trade all over the world.

INDIAN DIPLOMATS WHO DIED IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

567. Dr. N. B. Khare: Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of Indian diplomats who died in foreign countries since India became independent;

(b) whether any memorials to commemorate their memory have been raised or are contemplated to be raised in foreign countries; and

(c) the amount of money spent or sanctioned for such memorials separately?

The Prime Minister (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) Three.

(1) Dr. Syed Hossain, Ambassador at Cairo.

(2) Diwan Ram Lall, Ambassador at Rome.

(3) Shri Dhirubhai Desai, Minister at Berne.

(b) No memorials have been put up or are contemplated. But a tomb is being constructed for Dr. Syed Hossain in the cemetery at Cairo.

(c) The cost of this tomb thus far incurred and likely to be incurred is Rs. 34,500. Part of this is the cost of marble slabs sent from India which were damaged in transit. These were insured and steps are being taken to recover compensation.