

COTTON IMPORT

265. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of cotton to be imported into this country during the first half of the year 1953; and

(b) how much of this import will be made from dollar area?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) and (b). A quota of 500,000 bales of 400 lbs. each has been announced for shipment up to end of June, 1953. No licences are being issued at present for imports out of this quota from dollar areas. There is however about 200,000 bales of U.S.A. cotton outstanding for import from the 1951-52 quota.

JUTE IMPORTED FROM PAKISTAN

266. **Shri B. K. Das:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the quantities of jute of different varieties imported from Pakistan during the year 1952;

(b) the minimum and maximum prices of the jute imported; and

(c) the total quantity of Indian jute purchased by jute mills during 1952 and the minimum and maximum prices thereof?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) The total quantity of raw jute imported from Pakistan during 1952 (January to December) was 14.74 lakhs bales of 400 lbs. each. Details of break-down into various grades are not recorded in official statistics.

(b) Information is not available as regards the import price. The maximum quotation for Pakistan jute (Jat Bottoms) in the Calcutta market during 1952 is reported to have been Rs. 66 per maund on the 7th January 1952 and the minimum Rs. 27/8/- on the 20th November, 1952.

(c) The quantity of Indian raw jute purchased by mills during 1952 was about 45 lakh bales. The maximum quotation for Assam Bottoms during 1952 is reported to have been Rs. 62 per maund on the 14th January 1952 and the minimum Rs. 22 on the 28th July 1952. Details about other varieties are not available.

COCOANUT OIL

267. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the estimated percentage of cocoanut oil available in India through internal production and imports for (1) purposes of food and (2) manufacture of soaps?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): Precise information is not available.

COMMUNITY PROJECT AREAS

268. **Shri L. J. Singh:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Community Project areas in India with the names of the blocks in each area;

(b) how many officers were being trained and how many of them have completed their training and started work;

(c) the names of the blocks where work has already been started; and

(d) the progress so far made?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) *First Part*—Attention is invited to reply to Unstarred Question No. 38 on 10th November, 1952 in the House of the People.

Second Part—Attention is invited to reply to parts (c) and (d) below.

(b) 71 Project Executive Officers and 1558 Multipurpose village level workers. 71 Project Executive Officers and 362 village level workers have completed their training and started work.

(c) and (d). Information will be available in the Quarterly Progress Reports which are awaited from the State Governments.

TRADE WITH CHINA

269. **Shri B. N. Roy:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the articles of import from China into India and those of export from this country to China in 1951-52 and 1952-53; and

(b) whether Indian export to that country has increased after the establishment of the Chinese People's Republic?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) During the year 1951-52 principal items of imports from China were Food-grains, Drugs and Medicines and