

Board is lending aid, guidance and advice from time to time?

The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 38].

(b) Yes, Sir.

Khadi and Village Industries Commission

1502. Shri Sham Lal Saraf: With the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the activities under the Khadi and Village Commission have been organised in all the States; and

(b) if so, the result of these activities?

The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Besides considerable increase in production, the development programme under the Khadi and Village Industries Commission has created employment opportunities to 17.43 lakhs persons full time and 6.86 lakhs persons part time.

Export of Cashew Nuts

**1503. { Shri P. Kunhan:
Shri A. K. Gopalan:**

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that export of cashew nuts has shown an increase during January-February, 1962;

(b) what is the total quantity exported and foreign exchange earned against the same period last year;

(c) whether it is a fact that export of cashew nuts to U.K. and U.S. has shown a decline; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a)

and (b). Yes, Sir. Exports of cashew kernels during January-February 1962 amounted to 6,952,291 Kgs. valued at Rs. 2,79,06,612 as against 6,481,321 Kgs. valued at Rs. 3,05,37,032 during the corresponding months of 1961.

(c) and (d). The decline was due to the international prices having gone down in the last few months of 1961 and the first three months of 1962. However, the prices have recovered since March, 1962.

Non-utilisation of Full Capacity of Certain Industries

**1505. Shri Ajit Prasad Jain:
Shri Dhaon:**

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of the extent to which the full capacity of imported industries is not being utilised; and

(b) if so, what is the extent of under-utilisation in the principal industries, viz., iron and steel, cement, textiles, paper, sugar, light and heavy chemicals?

The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) and (b). Government are aware that there is under-utilisation of installed capacities in certain industries due to a number of factors including *inter alia* inadequate availability of foreign exchange or raw materials or coke and coal or transport facilities. Full information as to the extent of such under-utilisation is not, however, readily available.

Unpaid Bills of Contractors in NEFA

**1507. { Shri Swell:
Shri Rishang Keishing:**

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the bills of many contractors in N.E.F.A. for works done in 1957 and 1958 are still unpaid; and