

importers forms a very small percentage of the total imports. Consequently the manufacturers have been able to maintain the consumer prices at reasonable level. It is not, therefore, considered necessary at present to regulate the supply of raw materials by the established importers to the manufacturers.

Levy of Cess on Industries

*513. { **Shri P. C. Boroah:**
 { **Shri J. B. S. Bist:**

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

(a) whether there is a proposal to levy a cess on industries failing to export a part of their production; and

(b) if so, what is Government's decision in the matter?

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

(a) and (b). The proposal is still under consideration.

Fall in Exports

*514. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
 { **Shri Eswara Reddy:**
 { **Shri Berwa-Kotah:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that exports during the period April-September, 1962 have fallen by about Rs. 33 lakhs;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to increase exports; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to minimise imports?

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

(a) and (b). No, Sir. It has increased to some extent by about Rs. 4 crores in the first six months April-

September, 1962 and to about Rs. 15 crores in the first nine months April-December, 1962 as compared to corresponding periods last year.

(c) and (d). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-772/63].

Export of Coir Products

1087. Shri Imbichibava: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to increase the export of coir products to foreign countries in recent years;

(b) the quantity of these products exported in 1960-61 and 1962; and

(c) the foreign exchange earned therefrom?

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

(a) The steps taken to step up exports of coir and coir products include participating in exhibitions abroad, display of coir products in Show rooms attached to Indian Embassies and Consulates in foreign countries, dissemination of publicity literature, sending delegations for exploring markets, conducting market surveys in foreign countries and affording export incentives by making available raw materials such as sisal yarn, dyes and chemicals and essential items of machinery against export of coir goods under the export promotion scheme.

(b) and (c). A statement is attached [Placed in Library. See No. LT-773/63].

Export of Pepper

1088. Shri Imbichibava: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and value of pepper exported during the Second Five Year Plan period;