

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):
The information required is given below:—

	(in tons)
(a) 1947-48	872,077
1948-49	928,786
1949-50	786,659
1950-51	649,844
1951-52	808,985
	(in lakhs of rupees)
(b) 1947-48	12782
1948-49	14656
1949-50	12698
1950-51	11395
1951-52	27018

(These figures represent the FOB values of exports)

(c) Figures are available for calendar years 1949 to 1951. They are given below.

	(in lakhs of rupees)
1949	127.25
1950	129.04
1951	211.82

	(in lakhs of rupees)
(d) 1947-48	... 635
1948-49	... 635
1949-50	... 877
1950-51	... 2,389
1951-52	... 5,933

(e) (i) Estimated export during the year	800,000 (tons)
(ii) Estimated FOB value of (i)	Rs. 152.0 lakhs
(iii) Estimated revenue from customs duty on (i)	Rs. 2000 lakhs

RASHTRAPATI NIVAS (MAINTENANCE COSTS)

44. Shri Gidwani: Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the total amount of expenditure incurred on the maintenance of Rashtrapati Nivas in Simla from 1948 to 1952; and

(b) what amount has been spent on the repairs of the same during the same period?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Sardar Swaran Singh):
(a) A sum of Rs. 2,29,171 has been spent on the maintenance of Rashtrapati Nivas, Simla, during the years 1948-49 to 1951-52.

(b) Out of the amount of Rs. 2,29,171 a sum of Rs. 1,83,248 has been spent on repairs to and maintenance of the building, and the balance of Rs. 45,923 on maintenance and replacement of furniture and furnishings.

Mica

46. Shri P. C. Bose: (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the total annual production of mica in India?

(b) What quantities of mica ore are exported every year and to what countries?

(c) What quantity of mica is used in India and for what purposes?

(d) Have Government any plan to use more mica in India?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):
(a) to (c). The hon. Member's attention is invited to the answers given to Starred Questions Nos. 935 and 1322 on the 17th and 30th June 1952, respectively.

(d) The Central Glass and Ceramic Research Institute are doing research on the production of mica paper from mica scrap. The Institute is also busy finding ways and means of utilising scrap mica in the paints and plastics industry.

RESETTLEMENT IN PURNEA

47. Sardar Hukam Singh: (a) Will the Minister of Rehabilitation be pleased to state whether any fresh schemes have been sanctioned by the Government of India for the resettlement of agricultural displaced families from East Bengal in Purnea District of Bihar?

(b) If so, what is the number of families that would be re-settled and what would be the total cost on these schemes?

The Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Yes.

(b) 479 families at a cost of Rs. 14,98,720/-.

REACTIONS OF LISTENERS TO A.I.R. PROGRAMMES

48. Sardar Hukam Singh: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether listeners are encouraged to send in their reactions to the A.I.R. programmes;