

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) Seven development blocks have been allotted to Rajasthan. The estimated expenditure on each development block is Rs. 21.67 lakhs, being made up of Rs. 9.97 lakhs as loans to be advanced by the Centre to the State Government, Rs. 7.57 lakhs to be given as a Central grant, and Rs. 4.13 lakhs to be met by the State Government from its resources.

(b) and (c). Budget estimates for the development blocks have been received from the Rajasthan Government. The procedure is that after they have been examined and generally approved by the Community Projects Administration, detailed schemes under various heads will be prepared by State Government for implementation.

HANDSPUN YARN AND HANDLOOMS

758. { **Shri K. C. Jena:**
Shri L. N. Misra:

(a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state what is the amount of handspun yarn produced in India annually (the amount of yarn of each count should be given separately)?

(b) What amount of *dhotis* and *saries* are produced out of that yarn and what amount of such *dhotis* and *saries* are lying unsold?

(c) How many hand-looms are there in India and what amount of hand spun yarn and mill yarn are woven by them in a year?

(d) What is the number of hand-looms now working in the State of Orissa and what amount of yarn is annually supplied to them and is there any more demand of yarn for the hand-looms in the State?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) The amount of hand-spun yarn produced in India is about 27 lac lbs. on the average, per year, in counts from 12s to 16s. It is estimated that yarn produced in 12s, 14s and 16s is approximately 9 lacs each.

(b) Dhoties and saries produced out of this yarn is approximately 94 lacs yards on an average per year. The amount that is lying unsold is difficult to estimate.

(c) The number of handlooms is said to be 28,51,685. The amount of hand-spun yarn woven by handlooms is approximately 27. lac lbs. per year,

and that of mill-spun yarn is estimated at present level to be 720,000 bales of 400 lbs. each per annum.

(d) The number of handlooms in Orissa is 129,686. The amount of yarn delivered to Orissa in bales during 10 months of 1952 is 24,166 bales. No complaints have been received for shortage of yarn from this State.

PENICILLIN PHIALS (IMPORT)

759. Dr. Amin: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity in grosses and value in rupees of Penicillin phials in different sizes imported into India during the years 1950, 1951 and 1952 (upto 31st October, 1952) showing separately the names of the countries from which they were imported.

(b) the total requirements of these phials in the country; and

(c) the production capacity of these phials in the country?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) Penicillin phials are not separately indicated in the import trade statistics.

(b) 200,000 grosses per year.

(c) 12,000 grosses (approx.).

DAM ACROSS RIVER MAHI

760. Shri Bheekha Bhai: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether the question of constructing a dam across the river Mahi has been examined by the Central Board of Irrigation and Power;

(b) if so, at what place the dam is to be constructed;

(c) the advantages accruing from the construction of such a dam; and

(d) whether Government propose to lay on the Table of the House the plan, if any?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) No, Sir. The Government of Bombay have intimated that they have under consideration a proposal for the construction of a dam in the IIInd stage of the Mahi Project.

(b) Kel on the Panam River.

(c) The area likely to be irrigated i.e. 3,77,000 acres and yield 75,400 tons of food grains.

(d) Does not arise as only preliminary investigations have been carried out by the State Government so far.