

All India Radio during the last three years has been:—

Year	Expenditure in lakhs of Rupees
1949-50	3.18
1950-51	3.29
1951-52	3.13

Expenditure for the year 1952-53 is estimated at Rs. 3.40 lakhs.

#### PIG IRON

140. **Shri C. R. Chowdary:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total annual production of pig iron in India since 1948;

(b) the total annual exports of pig iron since 1948 and the countries to which exports have taken place;

(c) the amount of pig iron consumed in India and the total annual demand by Indian industry since 1948;

(d) whether there has been a decline in exports of pig iron recently and if so, why; and

(e) the average annual price of pig iron in India and the export prices since 1948?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) to (c) and (e). Four statements are laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 54]

(d) Yes, Sir. Until recently the Indian foundries used to consume only graded pig iron, the off-grade pig iron being mainly exported as being unsuitable for use. With the continuing shortage of pig iron and with improvements in technique, their consumption of off-grade pig iron has gone up and exports have consequently declined.

#### RUBBER TYRES (IMPORT)

141. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether any licences for import of rubber tyres from foreign countries were issued to dealers during the last twelve months?

(b) If so, what was the value of the imports and the types of tyres imported?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rs. 19,71,021 (for 12 months ending July 1952). This excludes the value of tractor and off-the-road tyres. Figures of actual imports of these items are not available.

The types of tyres imported were: pneumatic motor covers, pneumatic

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motor-cycle covers, pneumatic cycle covers, solid rubber tyres for motor vehicles and tractor and off-the-road tyres. Only those types and sizes of tyres which are not manufactured in India were imported.

#### TRADE WITH AUSTRIA

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

(a) the total value of goods so far imported from Austria during the current financial year; and

(b) the total value of goods exported to that country during the corresponding period?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Rs. 19,77,603 upto June 1952.

(b) Rs. 11,87,276.

#### FRUIT TRADE WITH PAKISTAN

143. **Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay:** (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Pakistan has imposed heavy restrictions on the wholesale fruit trade of India with Pakistan?

(b) What was the annual amount of export of fruit to Pakistan from India specially from Delhi before this restriction?

(c) What was the annual amount and valuation of fruits, fresh and dry that we imported from Pakistan, and what is the position now in that respect?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Import of fruits from India was covered by an Open General Licence which has expired and was also duty free. No imports can now be made unless the Pakistan Government grant licences. In addition, a duty of customs at the following rates is payable:—

Fruits, all sorts,	36%	ad valorem
fresh, dried, salted or preserved, not otherwise specified.		
Dried figs . . . . .	32%	" "
Sultanas . . . . .	30%	" "
Filbert in the shell 32%	" "	" "
Apples, pears, prunes and grapes fresh . . . . .	30%	" "
Currants . . . . .	Rs. 1	per cwt.

(b) Exports of fruits during 1951-52 were about Rs. 3 crores of which nearly half was from Delhi area.