

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy):

	Quantity in mds.	Percentage of the total
Salt handled through normal trade channels	2,43,00,000	55 per cent.
Salt handled through Dis- trict Nominees	2,82,00,000	45 per cent.
Total:	6.25,00,000	

M. P.S.' FLATS

355. **Shri Dabhi:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) the number of M.P.s' flats in North and South Avenues the construction whereof was completed after the Second Session of Parliament; and

(b) the number of M.P.s' flats in North and South Avenues the construction whereof would be completed before the next Session of Parliament?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Sardar Swaran Singh):
(a) Eight.

(b) Sixty-four.

IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADE

356. **Shri A. C. Guha:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total import and export trade of India in terms of tonnage;

(b) the percentage of these country-wise; and

(c) the percentage according to the Indian ports through which the trade was carried on?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):

(a) Statistics regarding India's import and export trade are not available in terms of tonnage.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

ZINC SMELTING PLANT

357. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state whether Government propose to install a zinc smelting plant in the country?

(b) If so, where and when is that plant proposed to be installed?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) Government have no proposal at present to instal such a plant in the public sector. But the 502 P.S.D.

Government of India have, however set up a Committee to examine the question of establishing a zinc smelting industry in India.

(b) Does not arise.

INDIANS IN MALAYA

358. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** (a) Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state the number of Indians in Malaya who were eligible for citizenship under the recent change in the Federation agreement?

(b) What is the number of Indians who actually acquired citizenship?

The Prime Minister (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) It is difficult to give an estimate of the total number of Indians eligible for Malayan citizenship.

(b) Till the 31st December last year, nearly 200,000 Indians had acquired Malayan citizenship.

TEXTILES (EXPORT)

359. **Shri K. C. Sodhia:** (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the total export quota of textiles allotted for the current year?

(b) What was the total export of textiles from the 1st April 1952 to the 31st January, 1953?

(c) What reduction of export duty on textiles was recently made and from what date?

(d) What are the export figures of textiles for December 1952 and January, 1953?

(e) What is the export quota allotted for next year?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):
(a) Exports are licensed freely at present.

(b) 559:85 million yards of cotton piecegoods.

(c) Export duty has been reduced from 25 per cent. to 10 per cent *ad valorem* on coarse and medium cloth with effect from the 4th January, 1953. There is no export duty on fine and superfine cloth.

(d) 50:8 and 43:4 million yards respectively.

(e) Exports are being freely licensed at present.

SPINNING AND WEAVING MILLS

360. **Shri Nanadas:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cotton spinning mills and cotton spinning and weaving mills in the country;