

received upto the 31st January, 1953 under the Subsidised Industrial Housing Scheme from—

- (i) State Governments,
  - (ii) Statutory Housing Boards,
  - (iii) Registered Co-operative Societies of Industrial Workers, and
  - (iv) Employers;
- (b) the total amount of subsidies and loans asked for by the applicants falling under the above four categories, and the amounts sanctioned; and
- (c) the approximate number of tenements proposed to be built by the applicants under each of the above categories?

**The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Sardar Swaran Singh):** (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 29].

#### SALT WELLS IN MANIPUR

99. **Shri L. J. Singh:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

- (a) how many salt-wells there are in Manipur, and how many of them are in good condition;
- (b) what kinds of salt are available from these wells;
- (c) whether production from these wells is on the increase or decrease;
- (d) what steps Government have taken to improve these salt-wells and increase production; and
- (e) whether there is any possibility of expanding these salt-wells in the near future?

**The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy):** (a) to (e). The information required is being collected and will be furnished to the House in due course.

#### EXPORTS TO BURMA

100. **Shri B. N. Roy:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

- (a) the Indian articles exported to Burma and the Burmese commodities imported into India in 1951-52;
- (b) whether export to Burma in 1951-52 has increased in comparison with the exports in 1949-50 and 1950-51; and
- (c) if not, the reasons and the steps to be taken for removing the main difficulties in the way of increasing Indian exports to that country?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** (a) Attention is invited to pages 62-64 of "Statistics of foreign trade of India by countries and currency areas for January to March 1952" (Published by Director General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Calcutta), a copy of which is in the Parliament Library.

(b) and (c). India's exports to Burma during the years 1949-50, 1950-51 and 1951-52 were of the order of Rs. 14 crores, Rs. 22 crores and Rs. 19.6 crores respectively. The small drop in the total value of the 1951-52 exports as compared with the exports of the previous year is largely due to the general recession in trade and fall in prices which started in the latter half of 1951-52, following the end of boom conditions created by the Korean war. With the general revival of trade during 1952, India's own export position has improved according to the latest figures.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS FOR BUILDING WORKS

101. **Shri S. N. Das:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have finally considered the report of the Committee of Experts for building works; and
- (b) which of its recommendations have been accepted and implemented by Government?

**The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Sardar Swaran Singh):** (a) The recommendations are under examination of the Government of India.

(b) The question does not arise.

#### COTTON (PRODUCTION AND IMPORT)

102. **Shri K. G. Deshmukh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

- (a) the total approximate production of raw cotton in India during the year 1952-53;
- (b) the total number of bales of cotton that are required for the consumption of Indian mills; and
- (c) the contracts, if any, made by Government for the purchase of foreign cotton during the same year?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** (a) 3.36 million bales.

(b) 4.383 million bales.

(c) Government have not entered into any contract for the purchase of foreign cotton during the year 1952-53.