

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

BICYCLE FACTORIES

134. Th. Lakshman Singh Charak: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) how many bicycle factories were working in India at the end of 1952;

(b) the annual production of bicycles from each factory of each quality;

(c) whether Government still allow import of bicycles from abroad; and

(d) if so, the number of such bicycles?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Six.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 76.]

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The total number of bicycles likely to be imported during this year is about 72,000 nos.

CLOTH (EXPORT)

135. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the yardage of cloth exported to Australia, New Zealand, and Indonesia during the years 1950-51, 1951-52 and 1952-53?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): Exports of mill made cloth. (Figures in yards)—

	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53
Australia	54,645,953	24,777,348	6,539,384
New- Zealand	8,639,668	3,765,205	2,647,858
Indonesia	6,757,857	2,791,323	3,562,811

LAJPATNAGAR HARIJAN COLONY

136. Shri P. N. Rajabhoj: (a) Will the Minister of Rehabilitation be pleased to state how many hand-pumps have so far been installed in

the displaced persons' Harijan colony of Lajpatnagar, New Delhi?

(b) Are they sufficient to provide water for the residents?

The Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) and (b). Five hand pumps have already been fixed and another six are in the process of installation. These eleven hand-pumps are considered sufficient to provide water for the residents

SOAP MANUFACTURE

137. Shri H. N. Mukerjee: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of soap produced in India in 1952;

(b) whether the biggest unit in the soap industry in India, which produces about 70 per cent. of the total quantity produced, is a subsidiary of an international combine;

(c) the proportion of indigenous soap-producing capacity which is being currently utilised; and

(d) the steps taken to ensure achievement by 1955-56 of the targets of soap-production laid down by the Planning Commission?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) About 116,370 tons.

(b) The biggest unit in the soap industry in India produces about 43 per cent. of the total output of soap in India. This unit is registered under the Indian Companies Act, but the investment is wholly foreign.

(c) Nearly 44 per cent. of the total capacity in the country is being currently used.

(d) The target of production in the Plan is 200,000 tons in 1955-56. As existing capacity is even greater, there is no reason why production should not expand up to this figure to meet demand.