

(d) whether any local co-operative society had applied to undertake this work; and

(e) if so, what has been done on that application?

**The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi):** (a) to (e). As a result of surveys made the total cost of three weirs including control gates and diversion channel is estimated at Rs. 2,78,700. Tenders were called by the State Government. One Cooperative also applied to get work without offering tenders. No contract has so far been given to any contractor as the execution of work itself is under consideration.

### सरकार द्वारा कपड़े की खरीद

४२४, श्री अनिरुद्ध सिंह : क्या निर्माण, गृह-व्यवस्था तथा रसद मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे :

(क) १ अप्रैल से ३१ अक्टूबर, १९५३ तक राष्ट्रपति भवन तथा अन्य सरकारी कार्यालयों में उपयोग के लिये खरीदे गये कपड़े का मूल्य कितना है; तथा

(ख) इस कपड़े में से कितने मूल्य की खादी खरीदी गई है ?

**The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Sardar Swaran Singh):**

(a) Rs. 1,23,44,126.

(b) Rs. 1,36,042.

### ALLOTMENT OF WAGONS IN NORTH BIHAR

425. **Shri Anirudha Sinha:** (a) Will the Minister of **Production** be pleased to state the number of wagons allotted by the Coal Commissioner for movement of coal in North Bihar, on the metre gauge section of the North Eastern Railway?

(b) How many coal wagons have moved in North Bihar during the year 1953 up to 31st October, 1953?

(c) How many of the coal wagons which moved in North Bihar were on

Government account and how many on private account?

**The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy):** (a) The total number of wagons for which sanctions were issued by the Coal Commissioner in North Bihar during the period January to October, 1953, was 7,620, in terms of Broad Gauge wagons. One Broad Gauge wagon may be considered as equivalent approximately to two metre gauge wagons.

(b) Figures of movement for consumers in North Bihar are not maintained separately. Supplies for North Bihar are routed *via* Mokameghat and *via* Mandaudih. The daily average allotment *via* these junctions (which is roughly equivalent to the actual movement) during the period January to October, 1953, was 15.5 and 20<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> wagons respectively amounting to about 10,800 wagons (Broad Gauge) for the period. These figures include supplies for certain parts of U. P. also and it is not possible to state how much of the allotments went to North Bihar.

(c) Steps are being taken to compile the information.

### नकली मोती उद्योग

४२६. श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : क्या वाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे :

(क) भारत में नकली मोती उद्योग कब आरम्भ किया गया था तथा इस समय इस व्यवसाय की क्या अवस्था है;

(ख) इस व्यवसाय में कितने कारखाने हैं तथा उन में कितनी पूंजी लगी है;

(ग) इस व्यवसाय में कितने श्रमिक कार्य करते हैं; और

(घ) क्या नकली मोतियों की देश की मांग देश में उत्पादित नकली मोतियों से पूरी हो जाती है ?