

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

(a) The yield is estimated at about 50 million lbs.

(b) Requirements of indigenous wool are 12 million lbs. and actual consumption during 1952-53 was 11.67 million lbs.

(c) 12 million lbs.

(d) 22,306,615 lbs.

PENCILS

436. Shri B. S. Murthy: Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity or value of pencils used in the Central and State Government offices of Indian-make and foreign-make separately; and

(b) if foreign made pencils are used, the reasons thereof?

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

(a) A statement giving the information that is readily available is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 66.]

(b) Certain varieties of pencils required for special purposes have to be imported as the quality of the indigenous pencils in these lines has not yet reached the requisite standard.

PAPER MILLS

437. Shri Muniswamy: (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state how many paper mills are there in our country?

(b) Are any of these mills owned by foreigners?

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

(a) Nineteen paper mills are in production and two more are under erection.

(b) Government have no precise information.

WOOL

438. Shri Gadilingana Gowd: (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and

Industry be pleased to state the quantity of wool exported from India in 1952-53?

(b) What was the stock in the country on the 1st November, 1953?

(c) Have Government permitted import of wool yarn from abroad?

(d) If so, what was the quantity imported in 1952-53 and upto 1st November, 1953 in 1953-54?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) The quantity of wool exported from India during 1952-53 amounted to 37,979,189 pounds.

(b) Statistics of wool stocks in the country as a whole are not available. Stocks of raw wool on the 30th September, 1953, with organised mill industry in India were as follows:

Indigenous raw wool 1,548,279 lbs.
Imported raw wool 514,806 lbs.
Imported wool tops 950,140 lbs.

(c) Yes.

(d) Imports of woollen yarn during 1952-53 and 1953-54 were as follows:

	Quantity in lbs.	Value in Rs.
1952-53	745,571	6,672,000
1953-54	1,275,949	6,491,000
(April to Oct. 1953)		

N.B.—The figures do not include imports of knitting wool.

IMPORT OF LIQUOR

439. Shri Gadilingana Gowd: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons or firms in Madras, Mysore and Hyderabad States who have been permitted to import foreign liquor and the quantity of liquor imported by them in 1952-53 and upto 1st November, 1953 in 1953-54; and

(b) the number of applicants from these States who applied for permission or licences for importing foreign liquor during 1952-53 and 1953-54?