

COMMUNITY CENTRES IN HYDERABAD ✓

*362. **Shri Krishnacharya Joshi:** (a) Will the Minister of **Planning** be pleased to state how many Community Centres have been opened in the Hyderabad State during 1953? ✓

(b) What is the area covered by those Centres? ✓

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) Six Community Development Blocks were opened in 1953. ✓

(b) The area covered by four blocks is 6,94,488 acres. The area covered by the remaining two Blocks has not yet been finally decided. ✓

RAW FILM INDUSTRY IN MYSORE ✓

*363. **Shri Gopala Rao:** (a) Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to refer to starred question No. 44 asked on the 4th August, 1953 and state whether the negotiations for the establishment of a raw film industry in the Mysore State in collaboration with a foreign firm have been finalised? ✓

(b) If so, what are the terms of agreement? ✓

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) No, Sir. ✓

(b) Does not arise. ✓

TRADE AGREEMENT WITH RUSSIA ✓

*367. **Shri Muniswamy:** Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state: ✓

(a) whether any decision was arrived at as a result of the negotiations with Soviet Russia to enter into a general trade agreement; and ✓

(b) if not, the reasons therefor? ✓

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) and (b). Negotiations for the conclusion of a trade agreement with the U.S.S.R. are still in progress. ✓

INCLUSION OF THE FIVE YEAR PLAN IN THE SYLLABUS IN UNIVERSITIES AND SCHOOLS ✓

*374. **Shri Madhao Reddi:** Will the Minister of **Planning** be pleased to state whether the Planning Commission has suggested to the State Governments the inclusion of the Five Year Plan in the syllabus of Universities and Schools? ✓

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): The question is under consideration. ✓

TANNING INDUSTRY ✓

*377. **Shri Nanadas:** (a) Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state whether the tanning industry is handicapped by the high cost of raw materials? ✓

(b) If so, what are the steps that have been taken to remove the difficulties? ✓

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) The cost of raw materials have increased in recent years not only in the case of tanning industry but in the case of all industries generally. ✓

(b) To assist the industry in obtaining its requirements of raw materials at a reasonable price, export of items in short supply has been banned and their imports has been allowed liberally and in many cases under O.G.L. The specific steps taken by the Government in this direction are: ✓

- (1) export of raw buffalo and cow hides has been completely banned and that of raw sheep skins drastically restricted; ✓
- (2) export of indigenous tanning materials which are in short supply such as, Babool bark (acacia arabica), Konnai bark (cassia fistula) and Avaram bark (cassia auriculata), has been completely banned; and ✓
- (3) import of hides and skins and vegetable tanning materials has been allowed under O.G.L. from all soft currency sources. ✓