

(b) The number is two. The amount due annually is not known as the pension is yet to be calculated.

(c) Yes.

DATE SEEDS

115. Shri Morarka: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity and value of date seeds imported into India during the last three years; and

(b) the purpose for which the date seeds are used?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) Information is not available as statistics about date seeds are not separately recorded in the Sea Borne Trade Accounts. Enquiries made from the different Custom Houses, however, reveal that no imports of date seeds have been noticed recently.

(b) Date seeds are ground and used as feed for camels, goats, sheep, cattle and horses. Roasted kernels are some times used as a substitute for coffee.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY TEA LICENSING COMMITTEE

116. Shri N. M. Lingam: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received by the Indian Tea Licensing

Committee (i) for extension of tea cultivation; and (ii) for new plantings between 1st April 1950 to 30th September, 1950;

(b) the number of applications in respect of which permits were issued;

(c) the number of applications rejected; and

(d) the number pending disposal?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) to (d). A statement is attached. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 34.]

PUMP FACTORIES IN U. P.

117. Shri H. S. Prasad: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the number of factories in U.P. for the manufacture of power driven pumps; and

(b) whether there is any such factory in the eastern districts of U.P.?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) None to my knowledge.

(b) Does not arise.