

(b) Precise information is not available as to the material imported from Kenya.

**INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR AT WASHINGTON**

\*1659. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Third International Trade Fair is to be held from the 11th to 24th February, 1954 at Seattle, Washington;

(b) whether India will be represented there; and

(c) if so, what kind of articles will be exhibited?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar):** (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Yes.

(c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 56]

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** May I know if any expert committee was appointed to select these articles for exhibition there? If not, how were these articles selected?

**Shri Karmarkar:** There is the All-India Handicrafts Board which selected articles for this exhibition. It is a regularly constituted body.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** May I know if any attempt has been made to ascertain the number of visitors who came to our booth there?

**Shri Karmarkar:** Yes, Sir. A rough estimate was made. I could not tell the hon. Member the actual number of visitors who attended.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** May I know if any attempt has been made to know the reactions of the people to the various goods that were exhibited there?

**Shri Karmarkar:** Yes. The reaction has been quite good. A number of trade enquiries have been received.

**Shri M. D. Ramasami:** May I know whether handloom fabrics were exhibited there?

**Shri Karmarkar:** Yes, Sir. I find that handloom jacquered weave bedspreads, handloom jacquered weave table cloth and curtain material, handloom furnishing material, printed bedspreads, cotton and satin etc. were exhibited.

**Mr. Speaker:** The question list is over.

**WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS**

**EXPORT OF TEA**

\*1646. **Shri Amjad Ali:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of tea exported to America from India during 1952 and 1953; and

(b) whether there is any encouraging feature in the export of tea which has induced India to increase her contribution to the Joint Tea Promotion Council, composed of India, Ceylon and Indonesia?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar):** (a) 1952—29 Million lbs. approx.

1953—30 Million lbs. approx.

(b) The Tea Council of the U.S.A. has been functioning for about a year and even within this period there has been a marked improvement in the consumption of tea in that country. Apart from this, all the other parties to the Council have increased their contributions for 1954 and India has also had to step up her contribution by \$ 25,000.