

दने के लिये एक विशेष समिति नियुक्त की है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस के सवस्य कौन कौन हैं और यह कब से काम प्रारम्भ करेगी; और

(ग) क्या इस समिति में हमारी सरकार का भी कोई प्रतिनिधि है ?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shri Anil K. Chanda): (a) Yes.

(b) Sir Oliver Goonetilleke, Minister of Finance, Mr. R. G. Senanayake, Minister of Commerce, Mr. Wikremnayake, Minister of Justice, Dr. Kaleel, Minister of Labour and Mr. Goonaseena de Soyza, Secretary. The Sub-Committee consisting of the above has started functioning.

(c) No.

SODA ASH

417. { Shri A. K. Gopalan:
Shri V. P. Nayar:

(a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether Soda Ash has been imported in the current year?

(b) What was the landed cost of the imported article?

(c) What is the sale price of the article at present?

(d) What were the quantities of this article imported in 1948-49?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The control over the price of Soda Ash ceased with the lapsing of Supply and Prices of Goods Act, 1950, on the 14th February, 1954. Before that the maximum price that could be charged by an importer or producer for different varieties of Soda Ash ranged from Rs. 19-8-0 to Rs. 30-11-0.

(d) 32,71,345 Cwts.

BLANC FIXE

418. Shri A. K. Gopalan:
Shri V. P. Nayar:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) what are the important uses of Blanc fixe in the Indian industry; and

(b) what is the estimated requirement of this material for the current year?

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

(a) Blanc fixe is an essential extender for use with Titanium Dioxide. It is also used in the manufacture of Paints and Enamels, Dyes, Printing Inks, Rubber and Textiles.

(b) About 500 tons for January-June, 1954.

RUBBER

419. Shri S. C. Samanta: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the value of rubber goods or rubber goods specialities which have been imported in 1953;

(b) what was the annual import before 1947; and

(c) the amount and value of export of raw rubber and rubber goods since 1947 year-wise?

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

(a) Rs. 4,527,000

(b) Rs. 798,000 in 1945 and Rs. 2,157,000 in 1946.

(c) A statement is attached. [See Appendix VIII, annexure No. 55]

BISCUITS (IMPORT)

420. Shri L. Jogeswar Singh: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity in pounds of foreign biscuits imported into India in 1953 and the quantity expected to be imported in 1954; and

(b) the total value of such imports?