

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is not the practice to make such information public.

(c) and (d). I place on the Table of the House a statement giving the percentage of the various products. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 49.]

SOAP INDUSTRY

***1209. Shri Nanadas:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the demand of the President of the Indian Soap and Toiletries Makers' Association for the setting up of an official enquiry committee to go into the problem facing soap industry in India; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in regard to them?

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

(b) Government do not consider that there is any scope for such an enquiry.

JAPANESE MEDICAL MISSION

***1210. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Japanese Medical Mission had recently come to India to find out the possibilities of obtaining raw materials from India for Japan's pharmaceutical industry; and

(b) if so, whether Government have agreed to make such raw materials available to Japan?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) and (b). I understand that a Japanese Medical Trade Mission did come to India recently. It did not, however, make any representations to Government to make raw materials available to Japan.

INDUSTRIALISATION SCHEMES FOR MYSORE

218. Shri N. Rachiah: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have agreed to give financial assistance to the Mysore Government for industrialisation schemes; and

(b) if so, what schemes have been submitted by the State Government?

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

(b) A statement is attached. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 50.]

SALT

219. Shri N. Rachiah: Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of salt exported to Japan during 1953; and

(b) the amount realised therefrom?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Production (Shri R. G. Dubey): (a) 68 lakh maunds.

(b) Rs. 45,21,000 (f.o.b. price).

STEEL

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

(a) the amount of indigenous production of steel in 1953;

(b) the corresponding amounts in 1951 and 1952;

(c) the amount of imports of steel in those three years; and

(d) the countries from which steel was imported in 1953?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) to (d). A statement is attached. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 51.]