

(d) the steps taken by Government to help the dealers in disposing of this cloth?

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). The information regarding the total quantity of time-barred cloth is not available as Government do not maintain any statistics relating to such cloth.

CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL

146. Sardar Hukam Singh: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government gave any assistance to the Cultural Film Society for the third Children's Film Festival held recently in New Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details of the assistance given?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) A 35 mm. projector along with the services of an operator and two Children's Film Magazines produced by the Films Division were lent to the Cultural Film Society.

CANE JAGGERY (Gur)

147. Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation for allowing private traders to export cane jaggery and cane jaggery powder was made to him during his recent visit to Madras;

(b) whether it is a fact that co-operative societies have not been able to export the whole of the quota allotted to them; and

(c) if so, whether any proposal to allow private traders to export more quantities is under the consideration of Government?

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

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c). Export quotas granted to cooperative societies are valid for shipment till the end of March, 1955. It is, therefore, too early to say how far they will be able to utilize their quotas. In any case, with effect from 3rd February, 1955, export of cane jaggery and cane jaggery powder is being licensed freely for shipment by the end of March 1955. Traders interested in participating in the export trade can apply to the Export Trade Controllers. Even after this liberalisation, actual exports have been nominal.

COTTON

148. Sardar Lal Singh: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of cotton to be imported from the U.S.A. during the year 1955;

(b) its staple length;

(c) the approximate landed cost per bale of the said cotton at the Indian Ports; and

(d) the total cost involved?

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

(a) It is expected that about 125,000 bales will be imported.

(b) 1-1/16" and above.

(c) About Rs. 1568 per candy of 784 lbs.

(d) About Rs. 11,76,41,600.

STAFF IN A.I.R. STATIONS

149. Shrimati Ila Palchoudhury: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state the number of permanent and temporary staff employed in each station of the A.I.R.?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House shortly.