

The Minister of Commerce and Industry and Iron and Steel (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari) : The total quantity of tea produced in South India from January to July 1955 was 75.8 million lbs. During the corresponding period in 1954, production was 78.7 million lbs. There has been a slight increase in production during the period January-September 1955 as against the corresponding period in 1954.

Indians in Goa

161. Shri B.K. Das : Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Indians who travelled from Goa to India this year upto the closure of the Consulate at Goa; and

(b) what is the position now with respect to Indians who intend to come to India?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shri Anil K. Chanda) : (a) After the introduction of travel restrictions between Goa and India in September, 1954, all Goan and Indian residents had to be in possession of a permit for entry into India. As these permits did not indicate nationality it is not possible to give the number of Indians who travelled from Goa to India.

(b) Indian nationals in Goa are freely permitted to come to India.

Industrial Production

162. Shri Ibrahim : Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of increase in Industrial production in India during 1952, 1953 and 1954 as compared to 1946; and

(b) the important factors responsible for the increased industrial production?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry and Iron and Steel (Shri T.T. Krishnamachari) : (a) A statement is attached [See Appendix II. annexure No. 30].

(b) The improvement in industrial production has been brought about mainly because of increasing demand for various items, particularly consumer goods, establishment of more financing institutions and the special concessions allowed by Government to new industrial undertakings in the matter of income-tax and super-tax.

Paper

163. Shri S. K. Razmi : Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total production and consumption of paper in the country during the year 1955-56 till the 30th September, 1955; and

(b) the quantity and the value of paper imported during the same period?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry and Iron and Steel (Shri T.T. Krishnamachari) : (a) Production of paper and paper-boards (excluding newsprint) during April to September 1955 was 91,172 tons. Precise information in regard to consumption during this period is not available.

Import during April-September 1955

(b) Paper all sorts excluding newsprint, paper manufactures and old news papers	Quantity	Value
	23,946	3,12,50,000
		tons

Border Incidents

164. Shri D. C. Sharma : Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the number of clashes between the Indian Police and the Pakistani Police that have taken place since the 1st January, 1955;

(b) the number of casualties on both the sides; and

(c) the causes of these clashes?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shri Anil K. Chanda) : (a) two clashes took place between the border police forces of India and Pakistan on the Indo-Pakistan border during the period from the 1st January, 1955 to the 15th November, 1955.

(b) No casualties were reported on either side.

(c) The clashes occurred as a result of attempts on the part of the Pakistan Border Police to occupy areas of Indian territory.

Pass-Ports

165. Sardar Iqbal Singh : Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of forged pass-ports detected during the year 1954 and 1955;

(b) the names of the countries for which these pass-ports were issued;

(c) the number of persons arrested and convicted in these cases; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to check it?