

(iii) the Bee Keeping Industry ;  
and

(b) If so, the extent of the aid and whether it had been fully utilised by that State?

**The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy) :** (a) Financial aid was sanctioned for the development of Gur and Khandsari and Palm Gur industries during the financial year 1954-55 and 1955-56.

(b) *SANCTIONED* *UTILIZED*

	<i>Gur &amp; Khandsari</i>	
	<i>Grant</i> Rs.	<i>Loan</i> Rs.
1954-55	16550	.. was not utilised.
1955-56	46350	50,000 Information not yet available as financial year has not closed.

<i>Palm Gur*</i>	
1954-55	24337 12429

*Bee Keeping*

Nil

#### SAFETY RAZOR BLADES

**378. Shri Kajrolkar :** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 2342 on the 29th September, 1955 and state the value of Licences issued in 1955-56 to import safety razor blades?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry and Iron and Steel (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari) :** Rs. 50-72

lakhs for the period 1st April 1955 to 18th February, 1956.

#### FERTILIZERS

**379. Shri B. S. Murthy :** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of fertilizers produced during 1955-56 so far ;

(b) the total imports and exports during the period ; and

(c) the quantities allocated to the States and the basis for the same?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry and Iron and Steel (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari) :** (a) The following quantities of fertilisers were manufactured during April-December, 1955 :

Ammonium Sulphate—2,94,395 tons  
Superphosphate—50,845 tons .

*Muriate of Potash* is manufactured as a bye product by Salt Petre refineries on cottage industry basis. Accurate figures of production are not available but it is estimated that about 2,000 tons are manufactured every year.

(b) A statement is attached. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 15.]

(c) Statements showing the quantities allocated to the various states are attached. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 15.] Allocations are made on the basis of the requirements furnished by the States.

\*In addition to the above grant to the State Govt. the All India Khadi & Village Industries Board has disbursed Rs. 26,890 as grant and Rs. 5,100 as loan to private institutions for the development of Palm Gur industry.