

(b) A licence has been issued to set up a plant for the manufacture of 16,500 tons of Ammonium Phosphate per year. Production is expected to commence in 1959.

Turmeric Exports

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

(a) the quantity and value of turmeric exported during 1956-57, and

(b) the steps taken to clear the recent slump in turmeric market?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra):
(a) 12,559 tons valued at Rs 121 lakhs

(b) The sharp decline in prices had been caused by accumulations in assembling markets. The Forward Markets Commission have provided hedging facilities and a system of special margins payable by sellers in the forward market in the event of prices falling below certain limits has been in force since 1956. We are also endeavouring to find new markets for Indian turmeric.

Khadi Stock

*649. Shri R. S. Lal: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state

(a) whether a large stock of Khadi has been lying unsold in producing centres,

(b) if so, the quantity thereof, and

(c) what steps are being taken to clear this stock?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) No, Sir

(b) and (c) Do not arise

Capital Formation

468. Shri Morarka: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state

(a) whether the estimates of the capital formation for the year 1954-55 have been prepared,

(b) if so, whether a copy of these estimates will be laid on the Table of the Sabha; and

(c) how do these estimates compare with those of the previous year?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) Yes. These estimates have been worked out by making the best use of available data which can by no means be considered adequate and satisfactory. The estimates are being constantly improved with increasing availability of data.

(b) A statement giving the broad totals for 1954-55 compared with the corresponding revised estimates for the previous year is placed on the Table of Lok Sabha [See Appendix II, annexure No 72].

(c) There was an overall increase of Rs 70 crores or 11 per cent in 1954-55 over the estimates for 1953-54. Most of this increase was accounted for by the public sector.

विदेशों के प्रतिष्ठित व्यक्तियों का आगमन

५६६ श्री कुशावन्त राय : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि पिछले तीन वित्तीय वर्षों में भारत सरकार के निमन्त्रण पर विदेशों के जो प्रतिष्ठित व्यक्ति भारत आये, उन पर सरकार ने प्रति वर्ष कितना रुपया खर्च किया ?

प्रधान मंत्री तथा बौद्धिक कार्य मंत्री (श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू) : भारत सरकार के निमन्त्रण पर पिछले तीन वित्तीय (फाइनेन्शियल) वर्षों में विदेशों के जो प्रतिष्ठित व्यक्ति भारत आये थे उन पर जो कुल खर्च हुआ वह इस प्रकार है

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