

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) to (d). At the request of the Government of Nepal, the Government of India have agreed to release on payment 2,500 tons of rice from Government stocks to meet food shortage in Nepal.

For the same purpose, the Government of India have also offered to make a free gift of 10,000 maunds of rice to Nepal.

Ambar Charkhas

779. Shri Sugandhi: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Ambar Charkhas distributed till the end of the financial year 1956-57;

(b) the total number of carding machines supplied to the Ambar Charkha spinners;

(c) how many of the above Ambar Charkhas are working and how many are idle;

(d) what percentage (quantitatively) of yarn production is produced by each charkha per day compared to the distribution of Ambar-Charkhas upto 1st April, 1957; and

(e) the total number of Ambar Charkha fitters trained upto the 1st April, 1957 (State-wise)?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) 45,742.

(b) During 1956-57 the former All India Khadi and Village Industries Board did not supply carding machines to spinners.

(c) All the charkhas distributed are reported to be operating.

(d) It is presumed that the Member wishes to compare the performance of the Ambar charkha with that of the traditional charkha. The output of the former is on an average 250 per cent more than that of the latter.

(e) The total number of carpenters trained State-wise up 31-3-1957 is as under:—

Name of State	No. of Carpenters Trained
1. Andhra	88
2. Assam	nil
3. West Bengal	nil
4. Bihar	73
5. Bombay	134
6. Delhi	nil
7. Kerala	30
8. Madhya Pradesh	30
9. Madras	nil
10. Mysore	75
11. Orissa	nil
12. Punjab	141
13. Rajasthan	129
14. Uttar Pradesh	53

Khadi Emporium, New Delhi

780. Shri Sugandhi: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the daily average of sale proceeds from Khadi and other small scale industries articles by the Emporium situated at Connaught Place, New Delhi for the years 1955-56 and 1956-57;

(b) the total number of employees engaged there for running the Emporium; and

(c) how many such Emporia have been established in each State so far?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) The daily average sale of the emporium known as Khadi Gramodyog Bhavan, New Delhi, for the years 1955-56 and 1956-57 works out to Rs. 4,775 and Rs. 8,177 respectively.

(b) 131.

(c) In addition to the emporium at New Delhi, the Khadi & Village Industries Commission are directly running one more emporium at Bom-