

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) There are two plants operating in India of these one is in Madras State.

(b) 25 tons per mensem.

(c) 300 tons per annum.

काबुल में रजवूतावास भवन

१९६. श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या सरकार काबुल में भारतीय राजदूतावास तथा उनके कर्मचारियों के लिये निवास की व्यवस्था करने के हेतु अपना निजी भवन बनाने का विचार कर रही है ?

प्रधान मंत्री तथा वैदेशिक कार्य मंत्री (श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू) : इस तरह का कोई प्रस्ताव अभी सरकार के विचाराधीन नहीं है ।

अफगानिस्तान के साथ व्यापार

२००. श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : क्या वाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि भारत और अफगानिस्तान के बीच आयात तथा निर्यात के व्यापार की वर्तमान स्थिति क्या है ?

वाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री (श्री मुरारजी देसाई) : एक विवरण सभा के पटल पर रखा जाता है जिसमें १९५५-५६ और १९५६-५७ के वर्षों तथा अप्रैल १९५७ के महीने में अफगानिस्तान को हुये निर्यात और वहां से आये आयात के आंकड़े दिये गये हैं । [बैलिये परिशिष्ट १, अनुबन्ध संख्या ६६]

Manipuri Programme in A.I.R.

201. Shri L. Achaw Singh: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any representation from Manipur listeners to increase the time allotted for Manipuri Programme broadcast from the Gauhati Station of the All India Radio; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to increase the time for broadcasting news at least upto five minutes daily?

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

(b) A 15-minute composite programme in Manipuri, of News, Music, Talks, Dramas, etc. is broadcast daily from the Gauhati Station of All India Radio. Though the average duration of news in this programme is about 3 minutes, it depends upon the availability of news items of interest to listeners in Manipur. Extension of the programme in Manipuri is not possible at present as the station has to cater for a large number of tribal languages and the time available is strictly limited.

Synthetic Gem Factory, Mettupalayam (Madras)

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

(a) when the Synthetic Gem Factory at Mettupalayam (Madras) will go into production;

(b) what will be its likely output; and

(c) how far it will meet the requirements of the country?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) The factory has already gone into production on 5th October, 1957.

(b) The factory will attain production of 40 kilograms per day in the course of a month or so.

(c) Approximately 60 to 70 per cent. of the requirements of the country will be met by the production envisaged in this unit.

Fibre Mats

203. Shri Maniyangadan: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a scheme for the manufacture of fibre

mats from the fibre of pineapple leaves was submitted to Government by a concern called "Thom Fibre Works, Kottayam";

(b) whether Government have examined the scheme; and

(c) if so, the result of the examination?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The scheme is under examination.

Aid for Industrial Development

204. Shri Sugandhi: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to Demand No. 2, Industrial Development Grants to private parties on page 13 of Demands for Grants for the year 1957-58, Vol. I and lay a statement showing the names of parties and the amount paid to each of them by the Government of India as grants State-wise during the years 1955-56, 1956-57 and 1957-58 so far?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Morarji Desai): A statement is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 70].

Karnatak Khadi Board

205. Shri Sugandhi: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1478 on the 10th September, 1957 regarding Karnatak Khadi Board and state:

(a) whether the Information sought for has since been collected and will be laid on the Table;

(b) whether there is only one board for Khadi and Village Industries for the whole of the New Mysore State; and

(c) the headquarters of each zonal branch?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) There are no zonal branches of the Mysore State Khadi and Village Industries Board which is headquartered at Bangalore. The Khadi and Village Industries Commission has, however, a zonal office located at Dharwar for the Mysore State.

Conference of State Ministers of Industries

206. Shri Warior: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the total expenses incurred so far as the Government of India is concerned on the Conference of Industries Ministers of States held recently in Delhi in connection with development of the small scale industries?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Morarji Desai): No conference of the Industries Ministers of the States was recently held in New Delhi to discuss problems for the development of small scale industries. The ninth meeting of the Small Scale Industries Board was however, held in New Delhi on the 28th and 29th September, 1957, to consider the measures to be adopted for the development of Small Scale Industries. Apart from the members of the Board who had attended the meeting, Ministers of Industries of some of the State Governments attended by special invitation. Their T.A. and D.A. are met by the State Governments concerned.

Figures regarding total expenditure incurred by the Government of India on account of payment of T.A. and D.A. to Central Government Officers coming from outside Delhi, and non-official members are not yet available. An expenditure of Rs. 706/- had been incurred by the Government of India on some of the items.