

Madras Handkerchiefs

3473. } Shri Tangamani:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total export of Madras Handkerchiefs to African and other countries during the year 1957-58; and

(b) whether there is a proposal to take over the export trade of the same from private exporters?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):

(a) It is not possible to furnish this, as separate figures in respect of Madras Handkerchiefs, are not maintained.

(b) No, Sir.

Export of Wooden Sleepers

3474. **Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the number of wooden sleepers exported to foreign countries during the last three years?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): Prior to January, 1957, exports of wooden sleepers were not shown separately in the trade classification of the country. Information regarding the number of sleepers exported is, therefore, not available. During the months January-November, 1957, for which figures are available, there were no exports of wooden sleepers.

Employment Exchanges

3475. **Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Employment Exchanges opened in Punjab State so far;

(b) the number of registered candidates in each at present;

(c) the number of persons provided with jobs so far; and

(d) the number of persons belonging to Scheduled Castes provided jobs among them?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) 18.

(b) The information is given below.

Name of Exchange	No. of applicants on the Live Register of each Exchange as on 31st March, 1958.
1. Ambala	5,617
2. Amritsar.	4,121
3. Bhatinda.	870
4. Dharamsala.	2,976
5. Ferozepore.	2,280
6. Gurdaspur.	3,029
7. Gurgaon.	1,780
8. Hissar.	1,142
9. Hoshiarpur.	2,427
10. Jullundur.	3,583
11. Karnal.	2,528
12. Ludhiana.	2,535
13. Narnaul.	540
14. Patiala.	2,828
15. Phagwara.	474
16. Rohtak.	2,174
17. Simla.	2,264
18. Yamunanagar.	854
TOTAL	42,022

(c) 1,06,376 during January, 1953-March, 1958.

(d) 27,929.

Plantago Ovata Husk (Sat Isabgol)

3476. **Shri P. B. Patel:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and the value of Plantago Ovata Husk (Sat Isabgol) exported from the year 1951 upto the 31st March, 1958 country-wise;

(b) its production during the same period year-wise;

(c) the names of places in India where it is produced; and