

### Co-operative Societies for Khadi and Silk-worm Rearing

**2323. Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the names of places where the Co-operative Societies for khadi and silk worm rearing are located in Punjab at present; and

(c) the nature of assistance given to these Societies by the Central Government?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):** (a) and (b). The Khadi and Village Industries Commission has reported that there is only one co-operative society concerned with the khadi industry in the Punjab, namely the Himachal Pradesh Sahakari Khadi and Gramodyog Mandal Ltd., Simla. The Central Government have given the following financial assistance to the society through the All India Khadi and Village Industries Board (since 1957-58, the Khadi and Village Industries Commission):

Year	Grant Rs.	Loan Rs.
1955-56	9,329	75,000
1956-57	17,427	—
1957-58 (upto 28-2-58)	11,395	—

As regards co-operative societies for silk worm rearing in the Punjab, the information has been called for from the State Government and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

### Display of Indian Goods

**2324. Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1126 on the 21st March, 1958 and state the nature of Indian goods besides handicrafts and handloom products, which are displayed in Trade Centres, Showrooms and Show Windows abroad?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):** A statement showing the categories of goods displayed in Trade Centres, Showrooms, etc. is placed on the Table of Lok Sabha. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 50.] Owing to limitations of space in Showrooms these goods are displayed in rotation.

### Import of Surgical and Medical Goods

**2325. Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the number of licences issued during 1957-58 for the import of surgical and medical goods and the quantity imported against those licences;

(b) the names of countries from which the imports were made and the amount of foreign exchange spent thereon; and

(c) the position of their import this year?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):** (a) A statement showing the number of licences issued for import of various Surgical and Medical Goods during the licensing periods January-June 1957 to October 1957-March 1958 (upto 8-3-1958) is placed on the Table of Lok Sabha. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 51.] The quantity imported against these licences is not available.

(b) and (c). A statement showing country-wise quantity and value of Surgical and Medical Goods imported in India during 1956 and 1957 (January-September 1957) is placed on the Table of Lok Sabha. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 52.] The actual import figures after September 1957 are not yet available.

### Central Assistance to Punjab State

**2326. Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) the Central assistance given to the Punjab State by the Government