

(e) whether it is a fact that the firm M/s. Hopkin and Williams Limited receives separate bonus for every percent in the increase of Titanium Dioxide content, over 58 per cent in sands shipped by them?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Finance (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) Yes. The titanium content of ilmenite sands from Chavara (Kerala) varies from 58 per cent to 60 per cent.

(b) The firm has never officially recorded the titanium dioxide content as it is neither required for any manufacturing purposes nor is its recording necessary under any Government regulations.

(c) No.

Second Five Year Plan

686. { Shri Surendranath Dwivedy:
Shri Ram Krishna:

Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of expenditure provided for the second year of the Second Five Year Plan; and

(b) the amount of expenditure actually incurred by each State?

The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra): (a) The amount provided in the budget for 1957-58 on Plan (Centre, States and Union Territories) is Rs. 967 crores.

(b) The amount of actual expenditure incurred by each State will be known later in the year.

Government Purchases

687. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India go in for local purchase of the various items of requirements;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there are no arrangements for wholesale purchases under any centralised agency; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) Direct purchase by Ministries/Departments of the Government of India, instead of through the agency of the Central Purchase Organisation, is undertaken only in respect of demands of limited value, or in case of emergency and in cases where very specialised equipment peculiar to the user department, is required.

(b) No. The Central Purchasing Agency, namely, the Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals ordinarily makes such bulk purchases on behalf of Ministries/Departments of the Government of India.

(c) Does not arise.

हिमाचल प्रदेश में औद्योगिक सहकारी समितियाँ

६६८. श्री पद्म देव : क्या वाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) हिमाचल प्रदेश में कितनी औद्योगिक सहकारी समितियाँ हैं ; और

(ख) वे किस प्रकार के दस्तकारी उद्योग चला रही हैं ?

वाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री (श्री मोरारजी देसाई) : (क) ३३ समितियाँ ।

(ख) १. चमड़ा ।

२. कादी तथा रेशम के कीड़े पालना ।

३. पोलिटैकनीकल ।

४. बांस का काम ।

५. स्लेट निकालना ।