

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs (Shri P. S. Naskar):

(a) 14,211.

(b) 22,310.

Weavers Cooperatives in Andhra Pradesh

1825. Shri M. V. Krishna Rao: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) how many weavers cooperatives have been formed in Andhra Pradesh so far;

(b) how many handlooms have come under them;

(c) how many such cooperatives have got credit facilities from the Reserve Bank of India;

(d) what is the total amount of credit given during 1956-57 and 1957-58;

(e) how many handlooms have been converted into powerlooms in Andhra Pradesh in the cooperative fold or otherwise; and

(f) the names of the places?

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

(a) 824.

(b) 2,47,627 handlooms.

(c) Information is not available.

(d) The Reserve Bank scheme for sanctioning loans to meet requirements of working capital for production and marketing came into force from 1st April, 1957 only.

Credit limit sanctioned during 1957-58 to the Co-operative Banks in the State amounted to Rs. 54.26 lakhs as on 20th March, 1958.

(e) None.

(f) Does not arise.

Handloom Industry

1826. Shri M. V. Krishna Rao: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent in the State of Andhra Pradesh for the development of handloom industry during the years 1957-58 so far; and

(b) the items on which the expenditure has been incurred?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) and (b). A statement is attached. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 63]

Trade with British East African Countries

1827. Shri Rameshwar Tantis: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether there has been any increase or decrease in the volume of India's trade with the British East African countries during 1957-58?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): A statement showing our exports to and imports from British East African countries for the last 4 years is attached. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 64]

Plastic Machinery

1828. Shri Heda: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has started the manufacture of plastic machinery; and

(b) if so, the extent of present production and how does it compare with our requirements?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) and (b). A start has been made in the manufacture of one particular type of plastic machinery, namely, Plastic Extruder. 14 machines of this