

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): None, so far as Government are aware.

Art Silk Yarn

1749. Shri P. R. Ramakrishnan: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) how much art silk yarn is consumed by the handloom sector; and

(b) the extent to which the handloom sector would be affected by the imposition of restrictions on its import?

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

(a) Information is not available.

(b) Due to import restrictions, all classes of consumers of art silk yarn viz the powerlooms, handlooms, manufacturers of hosiery and gasmantles etc. are experiencing difficulty. Separate information is not available regarding the extent to which the handloom sector would be affected by the restrictions on the import of art silk yarn.

However, all possible steps are being taken to ensure equitable distribution of art silk yarn to the handloom sector vis-a-vis other sectors.

Trade with Japan

1750. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the value of our exports to Japan during 1958 so far;

(b) the value of our exports to Japan during the corresponding period of 1957; and

(c) the causes of decline if any, in our exports?

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

(a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 117].

(b) Due to a slackening of demand there has been a general decline in

Japan's imports of commodities such as raw cotton, iron and steel scrap, manganese ore and coal. This has affected exports from India also.

Fertiliser Plants in the Private Sector

1751. Shri Subbiah Ambalam: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the names of fertiliser plants in the private sector in India;

(b) whether there is any foreign collaboration in these plants;

(c) if so, to what extent in each of them; and

(d) the annual production capacity of each of them, and the actual production during the years 1956, 1957 and 1958 so far in each of them?

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

(a) and (d). A statement giving the names and capacities of the fertilizer plants in the private sector is laid on the Table of the House [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 118]. The actual production in each of the plants cannot be disclosed under Section 7 of the Collection of Statistics Act, 1953. The total production for the years 1956, 1957 and 1958 is given below:—

I. Nitrogenous Fertilizers (Ammonium sulphate):

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| 1956 | 56,225 tons |
| 1957 | 46,411 tons |
| 1958 | 58,800 tons (estimated) |

II. Phosphatic Fertilizers (Superphosphate):

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| 1956 | 81,170 tons |
| 1957 | 141,678 tons |
| 1958 | 157,300 tons (estimated) |

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.