

a special section in the Central Government during 1956-57;

(b) the total expenditure incurred on that particular section during the said period; and

(c) the actual progress of the section in terms of Tad-Gud, Tad-Sugar and Neera production from 1951-52 to 1955-56 year-wise?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) to (c). A statement containing the required information is attached. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 17.]

**Metal Syndicate, Jagadhari (Punjab)**

12. Shri Vajpayee: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a memorandum from the Metal Syndicate, Jagadhari, Punjab;

(b) if so, the main demands specified therein; and

(c) the decision taken thereon?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The main demand of the Syndicate is for issue of permits for the import of Copper against forward contracts entered into by its members with importers. The price and distribution of Copper has been controlled under the Essential Commodities Act. Supplies are being made available to actual users, big and small, against Government permits. As members of the Metal Syndicate, Jagadhari, are traders and not actual users, their demand could not be met.

**Industrial Estates in Bombay**

13. Shri Pangarkar: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Industrial estates opened in the State of Bombay;

(b) the various kinds of factories erected therein; and

(c) the total expenditure incurred thereon so far?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) Eight Industrial Estates have been sanctioned so far, but only one viz. the Industrial Estate at Rajkot has started functioning.

(b) Factories for the following items have been erected in the Estate at Rajkot:

Handloom-Dyeing, Bleaching, Finishing & Weaving; Machine shop & Foundry; Plastic Bangles; Rolling shutters etc.; Amber Charkha spares; Spares for machinery; Aerated Water; Electric Accessories; Zip Fasteners; Shoe materials; Leather works; Wire Healds.

(c) An expenditure of Rs. 21,36,400 has so far been incurred by the State Government on the Estate at Rajkot.

**Soap Production**

14. Shri Pangarkar: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of soap by the units set up under the guidance of the All India Khadi and Village Industries Commission during 1957-58;

(b) whether Government have given any financial assistance for setting up and working of these units; and

(c) if so, the amount thereof?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) 25,90,842 lbs.

(b) Yes; through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission.

(c) Rs. 16,92,050/- as grant and Rs. 28,06,750/- as loan.

**Export of Indian Films to Iran**

15. Shri Ram Krishan: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian films are very popular in Iran: