

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) to (c). The only area affected by recent incursions and firings by Pakistani forces in Tripura is village Lakshmipur. On the night of 6/7th August, 1958, Pakistan armed forces raided the Indian Police Outpost in this village and opened indiscriminate firing. As a result of this, two Indian Police personnel were killed and two injured. Three of them, including the Commandant, were kidnapped to Pakistan and are now in detention of Pakistan authorities. The Government of Pakistan has been asked to release them.

(d) The persons directly affected by the raid were the police personnel mentioned above. The size of the civilian population disrupted or otherwise affected adversely is not known but could not be large. Information about measures taken by the Tripura Administration for the relief given to them or their families is not yet available

Tukegram Village Occupied by Pakistanis

1010. Shri Ram Krishan: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Government has asked Pakistan Government to quit village Tukegram on Eastern border forcibly occupied since 7th August;

(b) if so, the reaction of Pakistan Government thereon;

(c) whether the Pakistan Government has vacated the village; and

(d) if not, what action Government of India propose to take to liberate this village?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Pakistan Government have claimed wrongly that the area belongs to them.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The Government's efforts to secure Pakistani vacation continue and the matter will be taken up at the Secretary level Conference to be held at Karachi on August, 30th.

Art Silk Yarn

1011. Shri Rami Reddy: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of Art Silk Yarn produced in the country annually;

(b) the names of the manufacturers of the yarn;

(c) whether Government has formulated any scheme for distributing the same amongst the actual users; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to ensure an equitable distribution of the yarn amongst the actual users?

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

(a) 1955 15.45 million pounds

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(b) 1. M/s. National Rayon Corporation, Kalya, Bombay.

2. M/s. Travancore Rayons, Rayonpuram, Kerala.

3. M/s. Century Rayons, Kalyan, Bombay.

4. M/s. Sirsilk Ltd., Sirpur-Kagaznagar, Andhra Pradesh.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 59.]

NEPA Newsprint Factory

1012. Shri Rameshwar Tanti: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 180 on the 14th February, 1958 and state:

(a) whether the increased power