

Export of Textiles to U.K.

687. Shri V. P. Nayar: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state

(a) the quantity and value of textile exports to UK in the three years of the Second Five Year Plan,

(b) the purpose for which UK uses the Indian textiles,

(c) whether Government have any information about the extent of UK's re-exports of Indian textile after processing, and

(d) the main varieties of textiles exported to UK and their estimated content of the imported cotton?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):
(a) The quantity and value of textile exports to UK during 1956, 1957 and 1958 are as follows

	Quantity in '000 Yds'	Value in '000 Rs'
1956	91,820	6,90,55
1957	151,109	11,05,23
1958	92,956	6,94,82

(Upto Nov)

(b) For their own use and re-exports

(c) Government have no precise information

(d) Textile exports to UK are almost entirely confined to grey unbleached cloth which has no content of imported cotton

Manufacture of Watches

688 Shri V. P. Nayar: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state

(a) whether any attempts have been made by Government to get technical collaboration from Swiss or other manufacturers of watches to start production of watches in India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) Yes, Sir; efforts are being made to

obtain technical collaboration from reputable watch manufacturers abroad, including from Switzerland

(b) No proposal for technical collaboration have so far been finalised.

Handloom Industry in Rajasthan

689. Shri Onkar Lal: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state

(a) names of places in Rajasthan where training is imparted to artisans in Handloom Industry, and

(b) the names of those places where handloom industry research and design centres have been established in Rajasthan?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):
(a) It has been reported by the State Government that training is imparted in 120 Community Development Blocks, in addition one Model Handloom Training Centre has been sanctioned for Kota

(b) None

Small Scale and Cottage Industries in Rajasthan

690. Shri Onkar Lal: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state.

(a) whether any schemes for the development of small scale and cottage industries in Rajasthan during the year 1959-60 have been sanctioned,

(b) if so, the amount proposed to be spent thereon, and

(c) the nature of schemes?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):
(a) According to the latest procedure, no sanction is necessary from the Central Government for continuing schemes. Only in case of new schemes technical approval is necessary. These approvals have not yet been given for the coming year

(b) While considering the Annual Plan of Rajasthan for 1959-60, the