

Export of Shoes

711. { Shri Ram Krishan:
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1002 on the 16th December, 1958 and state:

(a) whether the negotiations with East Germany, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia for the supply of Indian shoes have been concluded, and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

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

(a) Not yet, Sir

(b) Does not arise

Coir Industry

712 Shri Thanulingam Nadar: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state

(a) whether the Kerala Government have since submitted schemes for the development of its Coir Industry after the Planning Commission had raised the allocation under the Second Five Year Plan from Rs 45 lakhs to 1.5 crores, and

(b) if so, what are they?

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

(a) Yes, Sir

(b) A statement is placed on the Table [See Appendix II, annexure No 18].

Holiday Home for Sugar Factory Workers

713. Shri Aurobindo Ghosal: Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state

(a) whether any holiday home will be set up for sugar factory workers, and

(b) if so, where and when?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) No such scheme is under consideration of the Government of India

(b) Does not arise.

Import of Leather Plastic Goods

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

(a) the total cost of leather plastic goods imported during 1957-58,

(b) whether any reduction has been made in the import of above material during the later half of the year 1958; and

(c) if so, to what extent?

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

(a) There is no item as "leather plastic goods" specifically shown in the import trade classification. Presumably the Hon'ble Member is referring to "artificial leather". The total value of artificial leather imported during 1957-58 was Rs 254,000

(b) and (c) Import figures for the month of December 1958 are not yet available. The total value of artificial leather imported during January-June, 1958 and July-November, 1958 are as follows

January-June 1958	July-November 1958
Rs 38,000	Rs 7,000

It will, therefore, be seen that the imports during the second half of 1958 are likely to be much lower than the imports in the first half of 1958

A.I.R. Programme on "Grow More Food" Scheme

715. Shri Bishwanath Roy: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state whether Government propose to broadcast some special programme regarding 'Grow More Food' Campaign from the All India Radio?