

| | Rs. in lakhs |
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| (g) Central Schemes implemented directly by the Central Silk Board (from 1-4-58 to 28-2-59) | 1.26 |
| (d) Handloom (from 1-4-58 to 31-12-58) | 146.31 |
| (e) Coir (from 31-12-58) | 19.07 |
| (f) Small Scale Industries including Industrial Estates (from 1-4-58 to 31-12-58) | 344.51 |

(b) Achievements in respect of schemes where specific targets have been fixed are as follows:

(i) *Production of Ambar Cloth:* Against a target of 25 million yards for 1958-59, 14.18 million yards (based on incomplete reports) have been produced upto 31-12-58.

(ii) *Production of Handloom cloth:* In the last year of the Second Five Year Plan, target for annual production has been fixed at 2200 million yards. No annual targets have been prescribed. Production during 1958 is 1819 million yards (provisional).

(iii) *Number of Handlooms brought under cooperatives:* The target is 4.50 lakhs during the period of the Second Plan. Against this 1,53,038 looms have been added since 1-4-1956 to 30-9-1958.

(iv) *Conversion of handlooms into powerlooms:* The target was 35,000 for the first two years of the Second Five Year Plan. Against this the achievement is 345 upto 31-12-1958.

General achievements in respect of the activities of the All India Boards/Commission have been indicated in the Annual Administration Report 1958-59 of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (pp. 84-111 and 128-130) copies of which are available in the Parliament Library. Individual progress reports in respect of the various Boards/Commission concerned with the development of cottage and small industries will also be made

available in the Parliament Library in due course.

Visit of Soviet Tea Experts to India

3548. { Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri Hem Barua:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a five man team of Soviet tea experts visited India recently;

(b) if so, the names of the important places they visited; and

(c) the nature of advice they tendered?

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Delhi, Calcutta, Tocklai (Jorhat), Darjeeling, Madras, Devarshola, Coonoor, Munnar, Cochin, Trivandrum and Dehra Dun.

(c) The delegation consisted of Soviet experts who visited India at the initiative of the U.S.S.R. Government with a view to study the various technical aspects of tea culture and industry in this country. It did not come to tender any advice nor was any tendered.

Import of Unmanufactured Tobacco

3549. Shri Pangarkar: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of unmanufactured tobacco purchased from the U.S.A. during 1958-59; and

(b) the value thereof?

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

(a) and (b). The quantity and value of unmanufactured tobacco purchased (contracted) from the U.S.A., during 1958-59 is not available. However, the imports of unmanufactured tobacco from the U.S.A. during 1958-59 (April 1958 to January 1959) amounted to 2513015 lbs. valued at Rs. 114 lakhs.