

Export of Textiles to Sudan

1079. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that India is losing her textile market in Sudan;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to increase the export?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) Export of cotton textiles from India to Sudan during the first nine months of 1960 has registered a fall as compared to exports during the corresponding period of 1959, the figures of exports being 32.82 and 59.60 million yards respectively.

(b) The main reason attributed is import restrictions imposed by the Sudanese Government in the beginning of 1960 because of excessive stocks due to large scale imports in 1959. Another factor is the prevailing competition from other exporting countries.

(c) The Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council has recently opened an Overseas Office in Sudan.

With the arrival of the new cotton crop and the large scale imports of cotton already arranged, it is hoped that the Indian mills will be able to procure their cotton supplies at reasonable prices and that they will again be able to offer their textiles for export at competitive prices.

With the recent liberalisation of imports into Sudan from various supplying countries, it is expected that exports from India also will improve.

Export of Tobacco

1080. { **Shri P. R. Patel:**
Shri M. M. Gandhi:

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

(a) the tobacco exported to different countries since 1955 year-wise and country-wise and foreign exchange earned thereby; and

(b) whether export to China has declined and, if so, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) A statement showing country-wise exports of tobacco for each year since 1955, is laid on the Table. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 47].

(b) Exports of tobacco to China have been negligible during the last two years, due to paucity of demand from that country.

Sardar Patel's Writings

1081. { **Shri P. R. Patel:**
Shri M. M. Gandhi:

Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state whether Government propose to publish authentic writings, speeches and letters written by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and also the letters received by him?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): Two books entitled "Sardar Patel on Indian Problems" and "Bharat ki Ekta Ka Nirman" were published by our Publications Division in the years 1949 and 1954 respectively, which contained collection of speeches delivered by Sardar Patel during 1947-48. It is also planned to bring out a biography of Sardar Patel in the "Builders of Modern India" Series. The proposal to publish all his letters, speeches and writings is not at present under consideration.

Documentaries

1082. **Shri Tangamani:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 788 on the 25th August, 1960 and state:

(a) whether more documentaries have been produced since then during the year 1960;

(b) if so, their names and number; and