

Third Five Year Plan

*644. Shri V. P. Nayar: Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) at what stage is the work in connection with the Third Five Year Plan, and

(b) the details of work so far done in this regard?

The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra): (a) and (b) Preliminary steps for studies and investigations in selected fields are being taken. These relate to technical manpower, irrigation and power projects, steel and heavy industries and agriculture

Sericulture

*645. Shri Ganpati Ram: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to spend rupees 2 lakhs on the training of sericulture,

(b) the training centres where trainees will be trained and what facilities will be given to each trainee during the training period, and

(c) what are the future commitments to the trainees regarding their jobs after their training is completed?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) It is proposed to spend a sum of Rs 8,11,700 on training in sericulture in 1957-58 as follows —

(i) Establishment of an All India Training Institute at Channapatna	Rs 5,18,700.
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(ii) Grants to various States	Rs 2,93,000
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(b) (i) Channapatna (Mysore), (ii) Berhampore (West Bengal), (iii) Titabar (Assam), (iv) Premnagar (U.P.), and (v) Srinagar (Jammu and Kashmir)

Facilities like lodgings and, in some cases, stipends and travelling allowances will be afforded to the trainees.

(c) The trainees will be absorbed in the Sericulture Departments of the State Governments as far as possible. No commitment, however, has been made by the Central Government in this regard

Fallow and Waste Land in West Bengal

*646. Shrimati Benu Chakravarty: Will the Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether any collection of data regarding fallow and waste land available in West Bengal has been undertaken by Government either Central or the State after the Ishaque Committee report was rendered out of date after partition; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna): (a) and (b) No survey of fallow and waste land available in West Bengal has been undertaken by the Central Government. An enquiry has been made from the State Government whether they have made any survey after the Ishaque Committee report and the information, when received, will be laid on the Table of the Sabha

Phosphatic Fertilisers

*647. Shri Ramakrishnan: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether any phosphatic fertilisers other than super phosphate are proposed to be manufactured in India, and

(b) if so, whether any licences have been issued?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A licence has been issued to set up a plant for the manufacture of 16,500 tons of Ammonium Phosphate per year. Production is expected to commence in 1959.

Turmeric Exports

*648. Shri B. S. Murthy: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and value of turmeric exported during 1956-57, and

(b) the steps taken to clear the recent slump in turmeric market?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra):
(a) 12,559 tons valued at Rs 121 lakhs

(b) The sharp decline in prices had been caused by accumulations in assembling markets. The Forward Markets Commission have provided hedging facilities and a system of special margins payable by sellers in the forward market in the event of prices falling below certain limits has been in force since 1956. We are also endeavouring to find new markets for Indian turmeric.

Khadi Stock

*649. Shri R. S. Lal: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state

(a) whether a large stock of Khadi has been lying unsold in producing centres,

(b) if so, the quantity thereof, and

(c) what steps are being taken to clear this stock?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) No, Sir

(b) and (c) Do not arise

Capital Formation

468. Shri Morarka: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state

(a) whether the estimates of the capital formation for the year 1954-55 have been prepared,

(b) if so, whether a copy of these estimates will be laid on the Table of the Sabha; and

(c) how do these estimates compare with those of the previous year?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) Yes. These estimates have been worked out by making the best use of available data which can by no means be considered adequate and satisfactory. The estimates are being constantly improved with increasing availability of data.

(b) A statement giving the broad totals for 1954-55 compared with the corresponding revised estimates for the previous year is placed on the Table of Lok Sabha [See Appendix II, annexure No 72].

(c) There was an overall increase of Rs 70 crores or 11 per cent in 1954-55 over the estimates for 1953-54. Most of this increase was accounted for by the public sector.

विदेशों के प्रतिष्ठित व्यक्तियों का आगमन

५६६ श्री कुशावन्त राय : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि पिछले तीन वित्तीय वर्षों में भारत सरकार के निमन्त्रण पर विदेशों के जो प्रतिष्ठित व्यक्ति भारत आये, उन पर सरकार ने प्रति वर्ष कितना रुपया खर्च किया ?

प्रधान मंत्री तथा बौद्धिक कार्य मंत्री (श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू) : भारत सरकार के निमन्त्रण पर पिछले तीन वित्तीय (फाइनेन्शियल) वर्षों में विदेशों के जो प्रतिष्ठित व्यक्ति भारत आये थे उन पर जो कुल खर्च हुआ वह इस प्रकार है

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