

purchased both by the displaced persons and the general public.

(d) 54 Job Printing Presses have been manufactured out of which 51 have been sold. 8 Hand Oil Expellers have been manufactured out of which 5 have been sold. 10 Plastic Injecting Machines have been manufactured out of which 2 have been sold. 8 Power Oil Expellers have been manufactured but none has yet been sold.

(e) 579 displaced persons have completed their training at the Arab-ki-Sarai Centre, 2,834 at Nilokheri and 77 at Fulia. Of these about 3,200 have been able to secure employment.

TRAINING OF LABOUR INSPECTORS

*931. **Shri Ganpati Ram:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India have decided to send all labour inspectors for training at Calcutta University; and

(b) if so, the total number and whether some inspectors have already attended a special course?

The Minister of Labour (Shri V. V. Giri): (a) It is the intention of Government to send gradually all Labour Inspectors to attend the Social Work Course conducted by the Calcutta University.

(b) Out of the sanctioned strength of 52 Labour Inspectors under the Ministry of Labour, 48 are in position. Of these, 32 have already attended the Course.

CLOSURE OF LOOMS IN JUTE MILLS

*932. **Shri Tushar Chatterjee:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) how the workers' pay has been affected by the 12½ per cent closure of looms in Jute Mills;

(b) how many workers have been thrown out of employment as a result of this closure of looms; and

(c) the step Government have taken to protect the economic interest of the affected jute workers?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) to (c). The closure of looms did not affect the wages of the generality of workers (about 3 lakhs in number). It led to the retrenchment of only 475 permanent workers who were paid involuntary unemployment benefits, i.e.,

50 per cent. of the basic wages, 50 per cent. of Dearness allowance and Rs. 2 or in lieu thereof food at concession rates each week. The retrenched workers were subsequently absorbed in the mills.

TIBETAN WOOL

*933. **Shri Bhaktā Darshan:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to some recent press-reports that almost all the wool available in Tibet is being reserved for export to China exclusively;

(b) whether Government are aware that large quantities of Tibetan wool are imported into India every year through the Himalayan passes in the districts of Almora, Garhwal and Tehri-Garhwal of Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) whether Government have under consideration any steps, by which the imports of Tibetan wool into India through these and other Himalayan passes may continue regularly in future?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmakar): (a) The Government of India have seen reports that the bulk of Tibetan wool is being sold to China.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

RADIO STATIONS IN MADHYA BHARAT

*934. **Shri Suriya Prasad:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are going to establish radio stations in Madhya Bharat State; and

(b) if so, when and where?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) and (b). Yes; provision has been made in All India Radio's Five Year Development Plan for Broadcasting Stations at Indore and Gwalior. It is difficult to give an exact date but it is expected that it will be possible to establish these Stations by 1955-56.

MICA ORE

*935. **Shri Dhulekar:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of mica ore produced in the country during the last years and the value thereof in rupees;

(b) the quantity used in India and the quantity exported during the above period;

(c) the main Indian industry which absorbs this ore and the percentage of annual consumption; and

(d) the main foreign industries which make use of mica?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): (a) to (c). There is hardly any consumption of mica in the country, and the entire production is exported. 297, 726 cwts; 383,430 cwts; and 369,345; of mica were exported in the year 1949-50, 1950-51 and 1951-52 (April-February); respectively.

(d) Mica is mainly used by electrical industries.

COPPER WIRE

***936. Shri Dhulekar:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the value of copper wire (bare) imported from foreign countries for being used for electricity purposes in the year 1951-52;

(b) whether any copper wire is produced in India for the aforesaid purpose, if so, what its quantity and value are;

(c) what is the value of cable wire imported during the year 1951-52;

(d) whether any of the Government workshops manufacture cable wire; and

(e) if not, whether Government have considered the possibility of its manufacture in India?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Rs. 2,88,683 during the period April 1951 to February 1952.

(b) Yes, Sir. 2,996 tons valued at Rs. 138 lakhs were produced during the calendar year 1951.

(c) Rs. 2,52,64,629 during the period April 1951 to February 1952.

(d) and (e). Cable wire is not at present being manufactured in any Government workshop, but it is proposed to start the manufacture of dry core paper insulated telephone cables in the Government factory which is being set up at Rupnarainpur in West Bengal.

SALT MANUFACTURE IN ORISSA

***937. Shri Sanganna:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of salt manufactured in the Orissa State during each of the last five years;

(b) what was the total consumption of salt in Orissa during the same period; and

(c) what quantity of salt was exported from and imported into the State during the same period?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) and (b). A statement (I) showing the production and consumption of salt in Orissa during the last five years is laid on the Table of the House.

(c) A statement (II) showing the export from and import into Orissa of salt is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 20—I and II.]

PAPER FACTORY

***940. Shri Bhakta Darshan:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have under consideration any proposal for setting up a Paper Factory in India; and

(b) if the answer to the above question be in the affirmative, whether any sites have been examined for this purpose; and if so, the names of the places?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

MICA LABOUR WELFARE FUND

***941. Shri Raghavaiah:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of Labour Welfare Fund in respect of the Mica Industry in Madras Province (Gudur Division);

(b) how much is spent for workers in Madras State (Gudur Division); and

(c) the personnel on the Welfare Fund Administration Committee?

The Minister of Labour (Shri V. V. Giri): (a) About Rs. 9,02,000 on 31st March 1952.