

(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.