

(a) the quantity of raw silk produced in India during 1951-52;

(b) the quantity, if any, imported during the same period;

(c) the name of the State which produced the biggest quantity;

(d) the total area under mulberry trees during 1950-51 and 1952; and

(e) whether any steps are being taken to encourage sericulture?

**The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar):** (a) 1,922,088 lbs.

(b) 676,461, lbs.

(c) Mysore.

(d) A statement showing the area under mulberry bush as also the number of mulberry trees cultivated during 1950, 1951 and 1952 is laid on the Table of the House.

(e) Yes, Sir.

#### STATEMENT

Year	Acreage under Mulberry Cultivation.	Number of Mulberry trees.
1950	114,991	1,942,082
1951	149,758	1,930,356
1952	No increase over the figures for 1951 is at present contemplated by the various State Governments.	

#### SHRI SUDHIR GHOSH

**\*1069. Prof. Agarwal:** Will the Minister of Rehabilitation be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Shri Sudhir Ghosh has gone to America for directly negotiating a loan from the U.S. Government for a Pilot Community Project covering the village surrounding the Faridabad Township?

**The Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri A. P. Jain):** No. He has gone there in his personal capacity, after resigning his post in Government service.

#### UNEMPLOYMENT IN FARIDABAD TOWNSHIP

**\*1070. Prof. Agarwal:** Will the Minister of Rehabilitation be pleased to state what steps Government are taking to relieve unemployment in the Faridabad Township?

**The Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri A. P. Jain):** The Government intend to establish a Diesel Engine Factory at Faridabad in collaboration with a German firm and this factory will ultimately employ over 1,000 workers. Some private industrialists

have been allotted factory sites, prominent amongst them being those for the manufacture of artificial jewellery, embroidery goods, rubber goods, and glass factory. It has also been decided to shift the Government printing Press from Simla to Faridabad; this press will provide employment for a number of workers. The Indian Co-operative Union have been given funds to start certain small-scale industries and this will employ about 500 workers.

In the meanwhile the Faridabad administration has been given contracts for construction work in Malviyanagar, Kalkajee, Lajpatnagar and Karbala, to provide employment to the residents of the township temporarily till opportunities for employment of a more permanent nature can be created.

#### COMMUNITY PROJECTS

**\*1071. Prof. Agarwal:** Will the Minister of Planning and River Valley Schemes be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the 55 Community Projects selected so far will begin functioning on 1st September, 1952;

(b) how many more projects are expected to be taken up during the next year;

(c) when do the Planning Commission expect to cover all the villages in India under such Community Projects;

(d) when do Government expect to receive a further loan from the U.S. Government for the Community Projects; and

(e) whether the loan is being negotiated on the same terms as those incorporated in the Indo-U.S. Technical Co-operative Agreement?

**The Minister of Finance (Shri C. D. Deshmukh):** (a) According to the time table which was worked out at the Development Commissioner's Conference held last month, work on the projects is expected to commence early in October 1952.

(b) and (c). The present programme is the first step in a programme of intensive development which is expected over a period of years, to cover the entire country. The precise order in which this expansion programme will be undertaken will be determined from time to time depending upon resources available.

(d) and (e). While there are indications that further assistance from the United States will be available in the year 1952-53, no negotiations are at present in progress. No question of negotiations will arise until its precise