

(b) whether persons of non-Indian nationality have been employed in the said Factory?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) The monthly salary of the General Manager is Rs. 3,000.

(b) Yes.

HIDES AND LEATHER GOODS

*1232. **Shri Kajrolkar:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of hides exported from India during the last three years and the countries to which they were exported;

(b) the total amount of foreign exchange earned in the transaction;

(c) the total quantity and the description of finished leather goods imported into India during the last three years, and the foreign exchange paid by India in the transaction;

(d) whether Government have made any efforts to develop the manufacture in India of the finished leather goods which are now imported, and, if so, what those efforts are; and

(e) whether there are factories in India which manufacture such goods?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): (a)—

	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52
	(tons.)	(tons.)	(tons.)
Hides (Raw)	783	1973	1249
Hides (Tanned)	15735	17546	16750
Total:	16518	19519	17999

Exports were made mainly to U.S.A., U.K. and Japan.

(in lakhs of rupees)

1949-50	874
1950-51	1271
1951-52	1423

(c) Imports are mainly of industrial leather goods. A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 24.]

(d) Government gives interested parties every assistance in obtaining machinery and raw materials and in the trial of their products.

(e) Yes, Sir.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS IN BIHAR

*1233. **Shri Jhulan Sinha:** (a) Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to refer to the reply to my starred

question No. 641 asked on the 9th June, 1952 and state the number, sites and description of the community projects selected for Bihar?

(b) Have these sites been selected out of a list submitted by the State Government or were these projects the only ones recommended by the Government of Bihar?

The Minister of Planning and Irrigation and Power (Shri Nanda): (a) Four projects and one development block have been allotted to Bihar as follows:

1. Pusa-Samastipur-Begusarai area.
2. Dehri-Bhabua-Mohania area.
3. Ormanjhi-Ranchi-Mandar area.
4. Jehanabad-Ekanga-sarai-Bihar-Barbigha area.
5. Santhal Parganas (Raneshwar Block)—One Development Block.

(b) The plots were selected out of a list of 11 project areas submitted by the State Government.

GRANT-IN-AID FOR KHADI

*1234. **Shri Jhulan Sinha:** (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply to starred question No. 643 asked on the 9th June, 1952 and state the Khadi producing centres to which the grant in aid for promotion of Khadi has been given?

(b) Has Khadi as handspun and handwoven cloth received or is likely to receive any preferential treatment at the hands of the Central Government as distinct from other handwoven cloth beyond the grant of the above mentioned subsidy?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): (a) A lump grant of Rs. 2,00,000 was given to the All India Spinners' Association during the year 1951-52 for distribution as grants-in-aid to deserving khadi producing centres affiliated to them. The A.I.S.R. have not yet disbursed the amount in full.

(b) Various proposals for the encouragement of khadi are under examination.

SALE OF HOUSES TO DISPLACED PERSONS

*1235. **Shrimati Sucheta Kripalani:** Will the Minister of Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rehabilitation Ministry has been selling houses to the displaced persons (i) on an outright

sale basis (ii) on instalment basis and (iii) on rent purchase system; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) (iii) above be in the affirmative, to what classes of displaced persons is such facility given?

The Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Yes, in Delhi.

(b) Conditions of sale vary from colony to colony. In colonies which are situated near the city and where the demand for houses is great, sales are effected on the payment of full price. In colonies which are situated at a distance from the city, houses are generally sold on instalment and hire purchase basis. No discrimination is made between the refugees.

DISPLACED PERSONS IN KITCHNER ROAD HOSTEL

*1236. **Shrimati Sneheta Kripalani:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of displaced Government Servants' families have been living in the Kitchner Road Hostel, New Delhi during the past four years;

(b) whether they have complained against overcrowding and high rents charged by Government; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the Kitchner Road Hostel buildings were condemned as unfit for human habitation some years ago?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

EAST AFRICAN COTTON

*1237. **Shri S. G. Parikh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) what quantity of East African Cotton has been purchased this year in the bulk purchase scheme and at what price;

(b) how the distribution is made to the mills, what quantity has been demanded by the mills and what has been actually allotted to each mill; and

(c) whether there are any complaints regarding the method adopted for the distribution of that cotton?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) The hon. Member's attention is invited to reply given to Starred Question No. 467 on 4th June 1952.

(b) The cotton covered by the bulk purchase is allotted to such of the mills as have furnished a written guarantee of purchase on the basis of their average consumption of following cottons during the years 1946-47, 1947-48 and 1948-49:

(i) all varieties of East African cotton.

(ii) American cotton.

(iii) Egyptian Ashmouni and Zagoras.

(iv) Peruvian Tanguis.

The cotton purchased is allocated *pro rata* among these mills.

(c) There are no complaints now.

ROADS IN ASSAM TRIBAL AREAS

*1239. **Shri Gohain:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the mileage of roads which can be used by jeeps and other motor vehicles that have been so far constructed in part "B" Tribal Areas of Assam;

(b) the amount spent so far since the financial year 1950-51;

(c) the total areas that have been linked by these roads; and

(d) when road communication in these areas will be finally adjusted?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

ADVERTISEMENTS

*1240. **Shri K. G. Deshmukh:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) how many advertisements were made in Indian newspapers by the Government of India during the year 1951-52;

(b) what is the total amount spent in this respect; and

(c) what was the proportion allotted to papers in Indian languages?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) Display advertisements placed by the Advertising Branch for the various Ministries during the year 1951-52 totalled about 6,000 insertions.

(b) Rs. 6,72,526.

(c) 64.4 per cent. of advertising space was allotted to Indian Language newspapers.