

Import of Cotton

30. { **Shri Solanki:**
Shri Narasimha Reddy:
Shri M. S. Murti:
Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia:
Shri Kishen Pattanayak:
Shri Madhu Limaye:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of global cotton and also cotton under P.L. 480 imported into this country during the year 1964;

(b) the names and location of the mills to whom cotton has been allotted; and

(c) the quantities of cotton allotted to each of them?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Commerce (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a)—

Global cotton (including barter)	400,826 bales
P. L. 480 cotton	382,360 bales
TOTAL	<u>783,186 ba cs</u>

(b) and (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Etawah-Bhind Rail Link

81. **Shri G. N. Dixit:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representation from Etawah, Bind and Gwalior for a rail link between Etawah and Bind; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Sham Nath):
 (a) Yes.

(b) An investigation carried out in 1952 revealed that the line would not be remunerative. The cost of the line (21 miles) was then put at about 433 lakhs on account of having to provide three large bridges over the Yamuna, Chambal and Kunwari rivers. Present-day cost may be more than double and naturally the project will be only more unremunerative. With the limited funds and resources available for construction of new lines, the chances of taking up this line for construction in the near future appear to be slim.

Paper Mill in Punjab

82. **Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some firms have applied for licence through the Punjab Government for setting up a Paper Mill at Talwara near Bhakra; and

(b) if so, the decision taken thereon?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri Bibudhendra Misra): (a) and (b). Only one firm applied and has been granted licence under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951, for establishment of a newsprint mill at Talwara near Bhakra in Punjab.

Mukerian-Talwara Railway Line

83. **Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3052 on the 1st September, 1961 and state the progress so far made in the construction of the Mukerian-Talwara Railway line on the Northern Railway?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Sham Nath): The earthwork and bridges for this