

(c) About one and a half million yards.

बमड़ा तथा सालें आयात

१००. सेठ गोविन्द दास: क्या वाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे, कि सन् १९५२ में कितना बमड़ा तथा सालें भारत में आयात हुईं ?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): 19,58,039 Nos. of hides and skins estimated to weigh about 4,400 tons were imported into India during 1952.

IMPORT AND EXPORT OF MEDICINES

901. Shri Lakshman Singh Charak: (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the main items of medicines imported from U.S.A. and U.K. in 1950-51 and 1951-52?

(b) What was the value and quantity of these medicines imported from these countries in the same period?

(c) What are the main medicines exported from India during the period, their quantity and value?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) to (c). Three statements are placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VIII, annexure No. 25.]

COTTON GOODS IMPORTS FROM U.S.A

902. Shri K. P. Sinha: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the total value (in rupees) of cotton goods imported from U.S.A. during the period 1950-51 and 1951-52?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): Value of cotton manufactures imported from U.S.A.:—

Year	Value.
1950-51.	Rs. 24,78,057.
1951-52.	Rs. 34,21,733.

These manufactures are mainly cotton twist and yarn sewing thread, certain types of dyed and printed piecegoods such as organdie, velvet and velveteens etc., blankets.

BHARAT SEWAK SAMAJ

903. Shri Bheekha Bhai: Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) the total membership of Bharat

Sewak Samaj up to the end of February 1953; and

(b) the percentage of official membership in the Bharat Sewak Samaj?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) and (b). The Bharat Sewak Samaj is a private voluntary organisation on the composition and working of which the Government have no detailed information. They have now asked for information as regards the number and percentage of officials who are members of the Samaj and will place it on the Table of the House.

SALT

904. Shri Amjad Ali: Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

(a) the per capita consumption of common salt in India;

(b) the total output of common salt in the years 1950, 1951 and 1952;

(c) when the country is expected to be self-sufficient with respect to this commodity;

(d) the estimated production of common salt in the year 1953; and

(e) whether it has been selling at reasonable prices throughout the country and whether attempt has been made to improve its quality also?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) The per capita consumption is estimated at about 14 lbs. per annum in all the States, except in Bombay and Madras (including Travancore-Cochin State), where it is estimated at 12.7 and 20 lbs. respectively.

(b) The total production of salt during 1950, 1951 and 1952 was as follows:—

1950	713 lakh maunds.
1951	744 lakh maunds.
1952	768 lakh maunds.

(c) The country has been self-sufficient in salt since 1951.

(d) The estimated production of salt during the year 1953 is about 800 lakh maunds.

(e) Prices remained at reasonable levels throughout 1952. Attention is being paid continuously to the improvement of quality, and the minimum standard of sodium chloride content fixed for edible salt is being raised gradually from year to year.