

(c) the total number of workers employed in Tea Industry in the said years?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) and (b). Precise information about the number of tea estates wholly or jointly owned by Indians and foreigners is not available. A statement showing the number of tea estates in different States of India, as on the 31st March 1948 and 31st March 1952 is laid on the Table of the House. Information for the year 1952-53 has not yet been compiled.

(c) The number of workers employed in tea plantations in 1948, 1949 and 1950 were:

1948	—	968,993
1949	—	985,616
1950	—	1,033,057

Information in respect of the subsequent years is not available.

STATEMENT

State	Number of Tea Estates in each State	
	As on the 31st March 1948	As on the 31st March 1952
Assam	783	787
Bengal	296	296
Bihar	9	9
Uttar Pradesh	45	45
Punjab (Kangra)	892	927
Himachal Pradesh	174	189
Tripura	55	55
Nepal	1	1
Total North India	2,255	2,309
Madras & Coorg	2,670	2,794
Mysore	12	12
Travancore-Cochin	1,105	1,126
Total South India	3,787	3,932
Total All India	6,042*	6,241

*Excludes 110 Tea Estates in Sylhet and 24 Tea Estates in Chittagong now in Pakistan.

TRADE WITH PAKISTAN

426. Shri M. Islamuddin: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) what commodities were exported to and imported from Pakistan during 1952; and

(b) the volume and value of each such commodity?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) I would invite the hon. Member's attention to the answer given on the 17th June, 1952 to Unstarred Question No. 191 by Dr. Ram Subhag Singh.

(b) A statement giving the information required in respect of principal commodities is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 54.]

रेशमी क़रडा (निर्यात)

४२७. श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : क्या वाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे :

(क) १९५२ में भारत से निर्यात किये गये रेशमी क़रडे का मूल्य;

(ख) भारतीय रेशमी क़रडे के खरीददार और संभावी खरीददार देश; तथा

(ग) विदेशों में इस की बिक्री बढ़ाने के लिये सरकार द्वारा उठाए जाने वाले पग ?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) Rs. 15,90,000/-

(b) Federation of Malaya, Ceylon, Singapore, Saudi Arabia, U.S.A., Kuwait, Bahrein Isles, Burma, Pakistan, etc.

(c) Indian silk cloth is included in the bilateral trade arrangements with foreign countries whenever possible. Indian silk products are being sent abroad for display at Trade Exhibitions and Fairs and our Legations and Missions have been instructed to promote the sale of Indian silk goods.

रेशमी सूत

४२८. श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : क्या वाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे :

(क) १९५२ में भारत में आयात किये गये विदेशी रेशमी सूत की मात्रा तथा मूल्य;

(ख) रक्षा विभाग द्वारा पराशुट आदि बनाने में प्रयुक्त की गई मात्रा तथा जनसाधारण के उपयोग में आई हुई मात्रा;