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GROUNDNUT

560. Shri S. R. Bharatiya: (a) Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state what was the estimated total production of groundnut seed in 1952-53 and what was the actual production during the same period?

(b) What was the quota sanctioned for export of groundnut seed and oil in 1952-53 and what was the quantity actually exported?

(c) Are Government aware that the prices of groundnut seed and oil have increased?

(d) What steps do Government propose to take to afford relief to the common consumer?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) The final estimate of production of groundnut in 1952-53 is 2,894,000 tons of nuts in shell. Figures of actual production are not available.

(b) The quota sanctioned for export of groundnut seed and oil for 1952-53 is 60,000 tons in terms of oil, 29,588 tons of groundnut oil and 1,300 tons of Hand Picked and Selected groundnuts were actually exported in the period July, 1952 to January, 1953.

(c) and (d). Yes, but they have not increased so much as to need Government interference in the matter.

ADVISORY COMMITTEES IN MADRAS

561. Shri Veeraswamy: Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of the members of the Advisory Committees of A.I.R. Stations in Madras State; and

(b) the function of the Committees?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) A statement showing the number and names of members of Programme Advisory Committees of All India Radio Stations in Madras State is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 39.]

(b) The functions of the Committees are to review the programmes broadcast and discuss pro-

gramme plans for the ensuing half-year. The Committees make suggestions for the improvement of programmes and advise on such other matters concerning the planning and presentation of programmes as are referred to them.

BACKWARD CLASSES IN MYSORE STATE

562. Shri Thimmaiah: Will the Minister of **Planning** be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money paid to Mysore State during 1952-53 for the uplift of Backward Classes out of rupees one crore allotted in the Five Year Plan for the uplift of Backward Classes in Mysore State; and

(b) the different items on which the said amount has been spent in Mysore State if the information is available?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) The scheme costing Rs. 1 crore for the welfare of the Backward Classes under the Mysore State Plan relates to provision of housing facilities for the Backward Classes. The Central Government have not given any grant towards the implementation of this scheme so far.

(b) Does not arise.

A. I. R. PUBLICATIONS

563. Shri Lakshman Singh Charak: Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the *Indian Listener*, the *Sarang* and the *Awaz* are running at a loss;

(b) whether it is fact that the circulation of these publications has decreased considerably;

(c) what action Government are taking to increase their circulation; and

(d) what is the strength of the establishment employed for preparation of these publications?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes, to a certain extent.

(c) In order to increase the circulation, it has been decided to reduce the rates of subscription of *Indian Listener* and *Sarang* for bona fide holders of broadcast receiver licences.

(d) Class I	1
Class II	5
Class III	25
Class IV	15