

- (4) Alkali reclaim rubber. ✓
- (5) Asbestos fibre.
- (6) Coal tar pitch.
- (7) Asphalt compound.
- (8) Rubber accelerators.
- (9) Barium hydrate.
- (10) Barrier Cream Rozalex.
- (11) Jenolite.

EAST AFRICA

131. **Shri Muniswamy:** (a) Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state whether it has come to the notice of Government that allegations were made against Indian Publishers by the Regional Director of East African Posts and Tele-communications, during the middle of September, 1953, in the following words:--

"India is flooding East Africa with obscene literature."?

(b) If so, is there any basis for this statement?

The Prime Minister (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) In his annual report on the working of the Posts and Telegraphs Department of East Africa, the Regional Director has stated that obscene magazines were coming from India to individuals in East African territories and that these magazines had been confiscated. His reference apparently was to some sex magazines which certain individuals in East Africa had ordered on a subscription basis from publishers in India.

(b) According to information received by Government, such magazines are not being imported into East Africa by any booksellers, Indians or others, but that individuals are privately receiving them through the post from India.

ZAGREB INTERNATIONAL FAIR

132. **Shri Muniswamy:** (a) Will the **Minister of Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state whether it is a fact that India participated in the annual Zagreb International Fair held in Zagreb (Yugoslavia) during the month of September, 1953?

(b) What were the articles displayed in the Fair by India?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karamkar): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is attached. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 22].

CLOTH (IMPORT)

133. **Shri Dabhi:** Will the **Minister of Commerce and Industry** be pleased to refer to the reply given to starred question No. 636 asked on the 19th August, 1953 and state:

(a) the quantity of all kinds of cloth imported into India during the years, 1950-51, 1951-52 and 1952-53;

(b) the quantity and value of umbrella cloth imported into India during the years 1950-51, 1951-52 and 1952-53; and

(c) whether Government propose not to issue any new permits to import cloth into India?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):

(a) Statement is attached [See Appendix II, annexure No. 23.]

(b) Figures of imports of umbrella cloth are not maintained separately.

(c) Licences will be issued according to the policy laid down for the half year ending December 1953.

COTTAGE INDUSTRIES IN COMMUNITY PROJECT AREAS

134. **Shri Dabhi:** Will the **Minister of Planning** be pleased to refer to the reply given to starred question No. 352 asked on the 27th August, 1953 and state:

(a) the number of persons engaged in and the value of the products produced in various cottage industries (including hand-spinning of cotton and hand-weaving of cotton cloth from hand-spun yarn) in each Community Project area;

(b) the extent and nature of assistance given to those engaged in each of these industries;