

(c) when the new plants are likely to be set up?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) to (c). Proposals relating to the extent of expansion required of the capacity for fertilizer production in the country, the means to be adopted for achieving this and as to when and where new units can be established are now under the examination of the Government.

YARN

129. Shri V. P. Nayar: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the first half of 1954, the prices of indigenously manufactured yarn registered an increase and if so, what is the percentage of the increase as compared to the prices prevailing in the corresponding period in 1953; and

(b) what were the average number of spindles used, the quantity of yarn produced and the number of workers employed during the first half of 1953 and of 1954 respectively?

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

(a) Prices of yarn fluctuate according to market conditions. There was a rise during some months ranging from 3 to 9 per cent. in prices of yarn of counts other than 80s.

(b) Information is given below:

Particulars	Jan./June. 1953	Jan./June 1954
1. Average number of spindles worked:		
(a) First shift	9,818,000	10,018,000
(b) Second shift	8,900,000	9,249,000
(c) Third shift	3,097,000	3,207,000
2. Yarn production 122.6 million lbs. 126.4 million lbs.		
3. Average number of workers actually employed.		
(a) First shift	425,527	414,271
(b) Second shift	263,220	255,632
(c) Third shift	62,290	64,323

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COTTON

130. Shri V. P. Nayar: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the estimated total prices paid by Indian yarn mills for the purchase of (i) indigenous cotton and (ii) imported cotton during the years 1951, 1952, 1953 and the first half of 1954?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): The information asked for is not available.

PROCESSED CASHEW KERNELS

131. Shri V. P. Nayar: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of processed cashew kernels consumed in India in 1953-54; and

(b) whether Government have any plans to increase the home consumption of this commodity and if so, what?

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

(a) According to the trade about 2,000 to 3,000 tons of cashew nuts are consumed in the country. Precise estimates are not possible.

(b) None at present.

बेकारी

१३२. श्री मंगल लाल बागड़ी : क्या योजना मंत्री बेकारी के बारे में १८ नवम्बर, १९५३ को पूछे गए तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या ७८ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्य प्रदेश सरकार से योजना आयोग के पत्र का क्या उत्तर प्राप्त हुआ;

(ख) क्या मध्य प्रदेश सरकार इस काम की प्रगति के बारे में कोई नियतकालिक प्रतिवेदन भेजती है; और

(ग) यदि हाँ, तो क्या उसकी प्रतियाँ मिल सकती हैं ?

The Minister of Planning and Irrigation and Power (Shri Nanda): (a) The reply of the Government of Madhya Pradesh received on 9th September, 1953 states that there has been a definite deterioration in the employment situation mainly due to the following factors:

- (1) decline in industrial employment in the private sector,
- (2) fall in the purchasing power of consumers,
- (3) growth of population and steady shift to urban areas,
- (4) increase in the number of educated persons seeking white collar employment,
- (5) abolition of controls,
- (6) seasonal and temporary factors like water scarcity affecting the orange industry and shortages of building materials like cement and steel hampering the building industry,
- (7) pressure of competition from mill-made cloth resulting in a fall in the demand for hand-loom products with a consequent effect on employment.

Of the measures suggested by the Planning Commission in the 11 point programme for relieving unemployment, the State Government considered that proposals for additional power schemes can be undertaken immediately. Measures for the acceleration of the National Extension Service programme and development of private road transport are being implemented. Other recommendations would need further consideration.

(b) No periodical appreciation of the employment position has been received from the State Government so far.

(c) Does not arise.

WOOL (LICENCES FOR EXPORT)

133. Shri Magan Lal Bagdi: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the number of firms who have been given licences to export wool;

(b) the quantity (in lbs.) allotted to these firms stating the period, for which the quotas have been allotted; and

(c) the total quota allocated to firms under category (c), i.e. Internal Traders who have not actually exported any quantity in the past?

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

(a) About 450.

(b) A total of 29 million lbs. of raw wool was released for export at different stages for shipment from November 1953 to the end of September, 1954.

(c) About 1½ million lbs.

COMPENSATION TO DISPLACED PERSONS IN RAJASTHAN

134. Shri Karni Singhji: Will the Minister of Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of displaced persons who have been paid compensation in Rajasthan upto 31st July, 1954; and

(b) the total amount of compensation paid upto that date?

The Deputy Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri J. K. Bhonsle): (a) and (b). 530 claimants have been paid Rs. 18,32,746. In addition an area of 1,11,080 acres has been allotted to 5,903 claimants having verified claims, for agricultural lands.

FINANCIAL AID TO DISPLACED STUDENTS

135. Shri Karni Singhji: Will the Minister of Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) whether any financial aid was given to displaced students in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the amount allotted during each of the years from 1949-50 to 1952-53;

(c) the total amount spent on the rehabilitation of displaced persons from April 1948 to March 1953 in Rajasthan; and

(d) the amount spent on scheduled caste displaced persons in Rajasthan?