

Factory during the year 1954 and its approximate value; and

(b) the quantity sold during the same period?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) 2,78,077 tons valued at Rs. 7,64,71,175,

(b) 3,14,341.5 tons.

EVACUEE PROPERTY

66. Shri Chaudhri Muhammed Shafiq: Will the Minister of Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) the number and value of houses and establishment previously declared as evacuee property which were restored to their owners during the year 1954; and

(b) the number of applications pending so far for restoration of evacuee property and the period for which they have been pending?

The Deputy Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri J. K. Bhonsle): (a) and (b). Necessary information is being collected.

ASSISTANCE TO SUDAN

67. Shri S. N. Das: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered the request of the Government of Sudan for economic and cultural assistance; and

(b) if so, with what results?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) and (b). The Minister for

Commerce and Industry of the Government of Sudan, Mr. Ibrahim El Murr visited India last year. He had discussions with the Planning Commission and the Minister for Commerce and Industry. He generally expressed the desire of his Government for India's assistance in the industrialisation of Sudan and for the services of Indian engineers, doctors, judicial officers etc. The Sudanese Minister was assured that the Government of India would be glad to help to the best of their ability and to consider any concrete proposals by the Sudan Government. Mr. Hamid Tewfik Finance Minister of the Government of Sudan, has also visited India recently.

So far, we have received requests for persons who can serve as judicial officers, and for the services of two officers of the Geological Survey of India, and for an Educationist. A panel of candidates has already been recommended to the Sudan Government for final selection of judges. The Chief Justice designate of Sudan has arrived in India to interview the candidates.

We have placed the services of Shri K. G. Saiyidain at the disposal of the Government of Sudan for a period of 65 days to serve as Chairman of Secondary Education Commission. The Government of Sudan also asked us for publication of advertisements in Indian newspapers for the posts of teachers, surveyors, census officers, railway engineers, entomologists, signal and telegraph engineer, marine officers etc. All requests have received prompt attention.