

U.K. were 36 million lbs. during 1959 as compared to 41 million lbs. in 1959.

(b) 8 million lbs.

(c) Steps are being taken through experimental farms and research stations to improve the quality and reduce the cost of Indian Tobacco so that it becomes more competitive.

Indo-Pakistan visa Rules

- *270. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
Shri Inder J. Malhotra:
Shri Bahadur Singh:
Shri Assar:
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:
Shrimati Renuka Ray:
Shri Muhammed Elias:
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri B. C. Mullick:

Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 393 on the 25th February 1960 and state the progress made so far in the matter of relaxation of Visa rules which was taken up with the Government of Pakistan?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): There has been no progress since then. The Pakistan Government have not given any indication as to when they would be prepared to discuss the question.

Production of white Paper

437. { **Shri N. M. Deb:**
Shri Warrior:
Shri Vasudevan Nair:

Will the **Minister of Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of white paper produced in India during 1959 with details of main varieties;

(b) the quantity of white paper imported during 1959;

(c) the comparative cost of both; and

(d) the comparative selling prices of both?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Separate statistics regarding production of white paper exclusively are not being maintained. However, main varieties of white paper produced in the country are writing, printing, art, imitation art and tissue papers.

(b) A statement showing imports of white paper during the year 1959 as available in the existing classification of trade statistics in this country is laid on the Table. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 73.]

(c) and (d). The c.i.f. value and market price of imported white paper varies according to the different varieties and country of import. There is no statutory control on the prices of indigenous as well as imported paper. However, the Tariff Commission has recommended 68 nP per pound as fair selling price for indigenous white printing paper.

Industrial Units for Displaced Persons in Maharashtra

438. **Shri Pangarkar:** Will the **Minister of Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of small Industrial Units established during 1959-60 for the displaced persons in Maharashtra; and

(b) the details thereof?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Six, Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 74.]

Middle Income Group Housing Scheme in Bihar

439. **Shri S. C. Godsora:** Will the **Minister of Works, Housing and Supply** be pleased to state:

(a) the total sum released to Bihar Government in the year 1959-60 for implementing the Middle Income Group Housing Scheme;