

# REPRESENTATION OF COIR WORKERS IN COIR BOARD

768. SHRI NIREN GHOSH:  
SHRI ARVINDAKSHAN  
KAIMAL:  
SHRI A. P. CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in spite  
of the repeated requests of the Coir  
workers trade unions in Kerala, no  
representation has been given to them  
in the Coir Board;

(b) whether it is also a fact that  
coir exporters who are not the actual  
producers and who have disbanded  
their coir factories are in majority in  
the coir board; and

(c) if answers to part (a) and (b)  
above be in affirmative, what action  
Government propose to take in this  
regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE  
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI  
M. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) No, Sir.  
Three seats in the Coir Board which  
are reserved for persons engaged in  
the production of husk, coir and coir  
yarn and in the manufacture of coir  
products are filled by representatives  
of the All India Trade Union Congress  
in Kerala. The three members re-  
present the Travancore Coir Factory  
Workers' Union, Coir Workers' Union  
and Travancore Coir Workers' Union  
respectively.

(b) Not as far as Government are  
aware, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

## †IMPORT OF RUSSIAN FILMS

407. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN: Will  
the Minister of COMMERCE be pleas-  
ed to state:

(a) the number of Russian films im-  
ported to India yearly during the last  
10 years;

†Transferred from the 1st August,  
1967.

(b) whether the import of Russian  
films to India have increased within  
the last ten years; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE  
(SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) to (c)  
A statement is placed on the Table of  
the House.

## STATEMENT

(a) The number of Russian films  
imported to India during the last 10  
years is not available. The length  
and value of films imported annually  
is given below:—

Year	Value in Rs. lakhs Quantity in lakh metres	
	Quantity	Value
1957 . . .	3.33	1.56
1958 . . .	3.67	4.02
1959 . . .	0.40	0.71
1960 . . .	0.19	0.46
1961 . . .	1.53	1.64
1962 . . .	0.61	0.86
1963 . . .	0.60	0.72
1964 . . .	0.78	0.76
1965 . . .	0.54	1.16
1966 . . .	1.40	1.45

(b) There has been no uniform  
increase or decrease in the import of  
films from Russia in the last 10 years.  
During 1957 and 1958 more than 3  
lakh metres of Russian films were  
imported. This decreased consider-  
ably during 1960 to 1965 except for  
1961 when it was 1.5 lakhs meters.  
During 1966, imports were 1.4 lakh

(c) Does not arise.