

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI N. KANUNGO): (a) to (c) Some representations were received to this effect and adequate supplies of yarn were arranged by the Textile Commissioner to meet the requirements of the handloom industry in Vidarbha. Further efforts are being made to increase these supplies.

HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEYS BY THE C.W.P.C.

***319. SHRI NIRANJAN SINGH:** Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to refer to page 5 of his Ministry's Annual Report for 1962-63, and state the names of the rivers on whose selected reaches hydrographic surveys have been carried out?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO): On behalf of the Ministry of Transport and Communications, the Central Water and Power Commission conducted hydrographic surveys for selected reaches of the Ganga, Yamuna Mahanadi, Matai Nala, Narmada, Tapti, Godavari, Sabari, Sileru and Krishna rivers.

FUEL EFFICIENCY SERVICE

***321. SHRI SURJIT SINGH ATWAL:** Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state the progress so far made regarding establishment of a Fuel Efficiency Service?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI N. KANUNGO): To begin with, the Fuel Efficiency Service would operate in the Greater Bombay Industrial Area. Four Fuel Efficiency Engineers have been selected to man the Service. Action has also been initiated to secure the services of two Experts from the U.K., under the Colombo Plan, to assist the National Productivity Council in building up the Service. The Service is expected to commence operation in January 1964.

अफीम का मूल्य

†३२२. श्री विमलकुमार मन्नालालजी चौरङ्गिया : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि सरकार काश्तकारों से किस किस भाव पर अफीम खरीदती है और किस किस भाव पर वह उसे बेचती है ?

†[PRICE OF OPIUM

***322. SHRI V. M. CHORDIA:** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the rate at which Government purchase opium from cultivators and the rates at which they sell it?]

योजना मंत्री (श्री बी० आर० भगत) :

(१) खेतिहर द्वारा दी गयी औसत उपज के अनुसार, १९६३-६४ के मौसम के लिए ७० डिगरी घनत्व वाली अफीम की खरीद की दर ३४ रुपये से लेकर ४२ रुपये प्रति किलोग्राम तक निश्चित की गयी है ।

(२) कच्ची अफीम विदेशी ग्राहकों के हाथ (लगभग ६० डिगरी घनत्व वाली) तैयार बट्टियों के रूप में बेची जाती है; मौजूदा बुनियादी निर्यात मूल्य प्रति किलो प्रति एकक मार्फीन १.३० डालर या ६.१७ रुपया है, जिसमें कलकत्ते में जहाज पर चढ़ाने तक का खर्च शामिल है ।

†[**THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT):** (i) The rate fixed for purchase of opium for 1963-64 season ranges from Rs. 34 to Rs. 42 per kgm. at 70° consistence depending on the average yield tendered by the cultivator.

(ii) Raw opium is sold to foreign customers in the form of finished opium cakes (about 90°C); the present basic export price is \$ 1:30 or Rs. 6:17 per unit of morphine per killo. f.o.b. Calcutta.]

†[] English translation.