

PRODUCTION OF GUAR-GUM

372. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of guar-gum produced in India during the year 1959-60 and so far in 1961; and

(b) whether it is true that M/s Birla Brothers have applied to Government for the expansion of their guar-gum factory at Bhiwani?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH): (a) The following quantity of guar-gum was produced in India:

1959	6,200 tons
1960		7,600 tons
1961	(January-July)	4,820 tons

(b) M/s. Birla Brothers have been permitted to set up a new unit at Bhiwani, under the name and style of M/s Hindustan Gum and Chemicals Ltd., to manufacture Refined manna-galactan (Gaur-Gum), in addition to the existing unit viz. M/s. Bhiwani Guar & Gum Factory. The total capacity of these two units will remain the same as already licensed to M/s. Bhiwani Guar & Gum.

LICENCES FOR SPINNING MILLS

373. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to lay on the Table of the House:

(a) a list of licences for spinning mills granted to Tata, Birla, Sahu-Jain, Kasturbhai Lalbhai and Mafatlal Groups of Industries during the last two years ending 30th June, 1961; and

(b) a list of licences for spinning mills granted to new entrants during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI N. KANUNGO): (a) and (b) A statement is attached. [See Appendix XXXV Annexure No. 32.]

QUESTIONNAIRE ON CODE OF EFFICIENCY

374. SHRI NIRANJAN SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to refer to paragraph 7 on page 26 of the Report of his Ministry for the year 1960-61 and state:

(a) whether the replies to the questionnaire on the Code of Efficiency, circulated widely with a view to collecting necessary data and background material for further discussion, have been received; and

(b) if so, what are the guiding principles in labour management cooperation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI ABID ALI): (a) Yes.

(b) The Report is under preparation.

SURVEY TO ASSESS PUBLIC REACTIONS TO PLAN PUBLICITY PROGRAMMES

375. SHRI NIRANJAN SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to the information set forth at page 80 of his Ministry's Report for the year 1960-61 and state:

(a) whether the Research and Reference Division of his Ministry has conducted any further survey to assess the public reactions to the Plan publicity programmes; and

(b) if so, what are the observations and assessment deduced as a result of the survey?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (DR. B. V. KESKAR): (a) No, Sir. However, an extension of the original survey to the remaining 12 States and 7 Union Territories is under way and questionnaires are being issued shortly.

(b) Does not arise.