

**PRODUCTION OF RAYON GRADE PULP  
FROM BAMBOO**

\*422. SHRIMATI K. BHARATHI ION  
BEHALF OF SHRI S. C.  
KARAYALAR):

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND  
INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has  
been drawn to a recent report in newspapers  
that a Japanese scientist has evolved a process  
for producing rayon grade pulp out of  
bamboo; and

(b) if so, whether Government have  
taken or propose to take my action to  
exploit the process?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI  
MANUBHAI SHAH): (a) and (h). With a view to  
developing the manufacture of dissolving  
grade pulp from Indian bamboo, small  
quantity of bamboo was sent to Japan for  
laboratory, pilot plant and commercial trials.  
A report on the results of the investigations  
has since been received and is under  
examination of Government.

**PRODUCTION OF STUDEBAKER CARS AND  
TRUCKS**

\*423. SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND (ON  
BEHALF OF SHRI S. C. KARAYALAR): Will  
the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be  
pleased to state whether it is a fact that the  
production of Studebaker cars and trucks has  
been stopped by the indigenous manufac-  
turers?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI  
MANUBHAI SHAH): Production out of existing  
stocks is continuing, but technical  
collaboration between the indigenous  
manufacturer and the foreign firm is said to  
have ended.

**DISPOSAL OF COCOONS BY U. P. SERI-  
CULTURE INSTITUTE, PREMNAGAR**

\*397. SHRIMATI CHANDRAVATI  
LAKHANPAL: Will the Minister of  
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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the quantity of pierced and rejected cocoons  
available with the Uttar Pradesh Sericulture  
Institute, Premnagar (Dehra Dun), in 1955-56  
and 1956-57;

(a) what is the method of disposal of  
these cocoons at present; and

(b) whether there is any scheme under  
consideration of Government by which these  
cocoons could be profitably used?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI N.  
KANUNGO): (a)

	Pierced cocoons lbs.	Rejected cocoons lbs.
1955-56	207	2.205
1956-57	576	1.448

(b) They are utilised in spinning of  
*matka* yarn.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Government of Uttar  
Pradesh contemplate setting up a full fledged  
*matka* silk spinning and weaving centre for  
utilising the entire quantity of such cocoons.

SHRIMATI CHANDRAVATI  
LAKHANPAL: May I know how long will it  
take the Government to implement this  
scheme that has been submitted by the  
Director of the Sericulture Institute?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: It is for the Uttar  
Pradesh Government to do it.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: What is *matka* silk?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: *Matka* is a variety of  
silk which is spun.

SHRIMATI CHANDRAVATI  
LAKHANPAL: Is it a fact that the rejected  
cocoons are sold at 8 annas per seer while  
they are purchased at Rs. 7/8 per seer, which  
means that there is a loss of about Rs. 7 per  
seer to the Government?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: The U. P.  
Government is buying the whole of the  
rejected and pierced cocoons.