

**PRODUCTION OF RAYON GRADE PULP  
FROM BAMBOO**

\*422. SHRIMATI K. BHARATHI (ON 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 any action to exploit the process?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH): (a) and (b). 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 manufacturers?

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. SERICULTURE INSTITUTE, PREMUNAGAR**

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

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

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

(c) 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	536	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.