

कपड़े का उत्पादन दिन प्रति दिन कम होता जा रहा है ?

श्री एन० कानूनगो : कम तो नहीं हो रहा है । १९५७ के जो आंकड़े दिये गये हैं उनको देखिये । वे जनवरी से अक्टूबर तक के हैं । तो यह जो ९ महीने का हिसाब है उससे सारे साल में कमती होने की कोई उम्मीद नहीं है ।

श्री किशोरी राम : क्या सरकार को यह मालूम है कि बिहार की गया काटन मिल्स कई वर्षों से बन्द है ?

श्री एन० कानूनगो : जी हां, बन्द तो है ।

श्री किशोरी राम : क्या कारण है ?

श्री एन० कानूनगो : कारण यह है कि उनके पास पैसा नहीं है ।

*28. [The questioner (Shri V. Prasad Rao) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 55-56 infra.]

INDIAN FILM FESTIVAL IN LONDON

*8. SHRI TAJAMUL HUSAIN (ON BEHALF OF SHRI M. VALIULLA): Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Grand Premiere of the Indian Film Festival was held in London recently by the Asian Film Society;

(b) which film was selected for the first day of the Festival; and

(c) how the exhibition of this film was received by the audience?

THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI G. RAJAGOPALAN): (a) to (c). The Asian Film Society of London is a private organisation with which Government of India have no concern. In September last this Society organised a festival of Indian films. The

feature films for participation in the festival were selected by the Society themselves. Our High Commissioner in London, however, supplied five Government of India documentaries for exhibition in the festival. According to Press reports, the feature film 'Pyaasa' was exhibited first. Government of India have no information about the audience reactions beyond what has been published in the newspapers.

SHRI TAJAMUL HUSAIN: What was the duration of the Festival? How long did it last?

DR. B. V. KESKAR: Sir, it has been said in the answer that this was organised by a private society and Government have not got much detailed information about this.

SHRI TAJAMUL HUSAIN: Was the admission by ticket? If so, to whom were the proceeds earmarked?

SHRI G. RAJAGOPALAN: The proceeds go to the private society. It has nothing to do with Government.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Questions are over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO JAPAN

*16. SHRI V. VENKATARAMANA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether he had visited any farms in Japan during his recent visit; and

(b) if so, what are his reactions about the production and cost of production etc. in small farms vis-a-vis large-sized farms?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON): (a) and (b). In the course of his tour, the Prime Minister visited two farm houses. One was a medium-sized one and the

other was a somewhat larger one. It was not possible for him to make a study about the production or the cost of production. The farmers appeared to be prosperous.

IMPORT AND PRICE OF CEMENT

*19. SHRI N. RAMAKRISHNA IYER: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which the present import restriction has affected the quantum of import of cement;

(b) whether Government propose to reduce the delivered price of cement to the consumer as a consequence of lesser import; and

(c) whether Government propose to revise the Plan target for cement production to a more reasonable proportion?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH): (a) Except for imports against outstanding commitments, no fresh imports involving foreign exchange are made.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No revision of the target is contemplated at present.

COMPLAINTS FROM ANDHRA ASSOCIATIONS IN BURMA REGARDING TELUGU BROADCASTS IN THE EXTERNAL SERVICES OF A.I.R.

*28. SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaints from Andhra Associations in Burma regarding the inadequacy of Telugu coverage in the external services broadcasts from the All India Radio; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (DR. B. V. KESKAR): (a) and (b). A representation has been received from Andhra Associations in Burma for starting a

Telugu service in the external broadcasts.

At present the only services that are being broadcast for Indians overseas are in Tamil, Gujarati and Hindi. In view of the high costs for starting any new service, it is not possible to take up any proposal for additional language broadcasts in our external services.

PUBLICATION OF BOOKS DURING 1956-57

1. SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of copies of each book brought out by the Publications Division in the year 1956-57; and

(b) the number of copies of each book sold in the same year?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (DR. B. V. KESKAR): (a) and (b). A statement is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix XIX, Annexure No. 2.]

EMPLOYEES OF INDIAN EMBASSIES ABROAD

2. SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees in various cadres working in Indian Embassies abroad (Embassy-wise) on the 1st April, 1957;

(b) the minimum and maximum scales of pay fixed in these Embassies; and

(c) the number of Indian nationals employed in each Embassy?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU): (a) to (c). The information asked for by the hon. Member is contained in the statement placed below. [See Appendix XIX, Annexure No. 3.] This pertains to the position as it existed on 1st January,