

and no list is maintained. It is also not desirable in public interest to publish such a list as it might lead to recrimination amongst papers.

ADVERTISEMENT CHARGES PAID TO NEWSPAPERS

877. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the amount paid by Government to newspapers as advertisement charges in the years 1956-57, and so far in 1957-58; and

(b) out of this, how much was paid to newspapers published in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (DR. B. V. KESKAR):

	Rs.
(a) 1956-57	29,95,020
1957-58 (up to 31-7-57)	13,98,210
(b) 1956-57	4,59,920
1957-58 (up to 31-7-57)	2,00,080

IMPORT OF SILK YARN

878. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of silk yarn estimated to be imported in 1957-58; and

(b) whether any licences granted for import of silk yarn during the current year have now been withdrawn; and if so, of what value and what quantity?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MORARJI R. DESAI): (a) It is estimated that about 220,000 pounds of raw silk will be imported. It is not possible to estimate the quantity of spun silk yarn as the import policy for October 1957 to March 1958 is yet to be finalised.

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

FERTILIZER FACTORY AT BOMBAY

879. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Burmah-Shell Oil Storage and Distributing Company of India Ltd., submitted some proposals to Government offering to set up a fertilizer factory at Trombay, Bombay.

(b) if so, whether this matter was pursued; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons for not doing it?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MORARJI R. DESAI): (a) The proposal was submitted on behalf of their associates, the Shell Petroleum Company Limited.

(b) and (c). Although the proposal was subsequently withdrawn by the Shell Petroleum Company, the State-owned Nangal Fertilizers and Chemicals (Private) Ltd. are exploring the possibility of utilizing the oil refinery gases for the production of nitrogenous fertilizers at Trombay.

PRODUCTION OF NON-MULBERRY SILK

880. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state the quantity of non-mulberry silk produced in India in the year 1956-57?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MORARJI R. DESAI): 9,22,742 pounds.

ORGANISATION FOR THE RECOVERY OF ABDUCTED . WOMEN

881. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred by Government in 1956-57 on the organisation for the recovery of abducted women; and