

SHRI ABID ALI: The theme of the present course is the contribution which co-operation can make by the organisation of handicrafts, cottage and small-scale industries to the development of employment opportunities in Asian countries.

#### ESTABLISHMENT OF FERTILIZER UNIT AT NEYVELI

\*216 SHRI M. VALIULLA (ON BEHALF OF MAULANA M. FARUQI): Will the Minister for PRODUCTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed fertilizer unit at Neyveli, as part of the lignite project, has since been established; and

(b) if so, at what cost?

THE MINISTER FOR PRODUCTION (SHRI K. C. REDDY): (a) The desired quantity of lignite is expected to be extracted only towards the end of 1960. The production of fertilizers can, therefore, begin only after that date. According to the tentative time schedule drawn up, the fertilizer plant is likely to start production in the middle of 1961.

(b) A fertilizer factory producing urea and double salt with the nitrogen content of 70,000 tons per year is estimated to cost about Rs. 21 crores.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: What is the quantity that is likely to be produced?

SHRI K. C. REDDY: 70,000 tons per year of nitrogen content.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: May I know whether there will be any delay in getting the equipment on account of the blockade of the Suze Canal?

SHRI K. C. REDDY: It is too early to say anything definitely about that.

#### PER CAPITA CONSUMPTION OF CLOTH IN INDIA

\*217. SHRI M. VALIULLA (ON BEHALF OF MOULANA M. FARUQI): Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND CONSUMER INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the present *per capita* consumption of cloth in the country;

(b) the *per capita* consumption expected at the end of the Second Five Year Plan; and

(c) the portion of such consumption which would be provided by (i) the powerloom sector; (ii) the handloom sector; and (iii) the mill sector?

THE MINISTER FOR CONSUMER INDUSTRIES (SHRI N. KANGUNGU): (a) The present *per capita* consumption of cloth in the country is estimated to be 16.8 yards.

(b) The *per capita* consumption during the Second Five Year Plan is for the present aimed at 18.5 yards.

(c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

#### STATEMENT

The total requirement of cloth on the basis of 18.5 yards *per capita* including the contemplated export of 1,000 million yards of cloth per year would be 8,400 million yards. The total output from all the sectors was about 6,700 million yards in 1955 made up of 5,000 million yards by Mill sector, 1,500 million yards by handloom industry and 200 million yards by powerloom industry. The difference between the target and the present production figures is 1,700 million yards. The difference has been allotted as follows:—

1. Mill Sector—350 million yards.
2. Handloom Sector—1,000 million yards.