

INSTALLATION OF PLANT FOR PRODUCTION OF LEAN GAS IN THE SINDRI FERTILIZER FACTORY

171. MOULANA M. FARUQI: Will the Minister for PRODUCTION be pleased to refer to the answer given to Unstarred Question No. 221 in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th March, 1956 and state :

(a) whether the plant for the production of lean gas for underfiring the Coke Ovens has since been installed by the Sindri Fertilizer Factory; and
(b) if so, at what cost ?

THE MINISTER FOR PRODUCTION (SHRI K. C. REDDY): (a) The plant is being constructed and likely to be completed by the middle of the next year.

(b) The estimated cost is Rs. 41.77 lakhs.

EXPORT OF SILK FABRICS

172. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND CONSUMER INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of silk fabrics exported from India after the Export Promotion Council was formed; and

(b) the names of the countries to which such exports were made and the value of these exports ?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND CONSUMER INDUSTRIES (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) and (b). The Silk and Rayon Textiles Export Promotion Council was formed in December 1954. Statements showing the country-wise export of silk piecegoods and other silk manufactures from January 1955 onwards are attached. [See Appendix XV, Annexure No. 75.]

PRODUCTION OF COPRA AND COCONUT OIL

173. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND CONSUMER INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the country is self-sufficient in the production of copra and coconut oil; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what quantity of these articles is being produced at present ?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND CONSUMER INDUSTRIES AND HEAVY INDUSTRIES (SHRI MORARJI DESAI) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Copra (including edible)—2,34,000 tons per annum.

Coconut oil—1,30,000 tons per annum.

GRANTS TO THE CHILDREN'S FILM SOCIETY

174. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) what provision has been made in the budgets for (i) 1955-56 and (ii) 1956-57 for giving grants to the Children's Film Society; and

(b) how much has actually been granted so far ?

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

Budget year	Amount
Provision made	Rs.
1955-56	2,82,500
1956-57	4,00,000

(b) Grant made—

1955-56	2,30,000
1956-57	2,24,000

(Up to Dec. 56)

GOLD COAST PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO INDIA

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

(a) whether an invitation has been sent to the Prime Minister of Gold Coast to visit India;