

age was about 10,000 per month; in 1955, it was 20,000 per month, and during the last seven months the average is nearly 30,000 per month.

PROF. N. R. MALKANI: Do we expect that this rate will go on, and I that next month we will have 40,000 or 50,000? Do we expect that?

SHRI MEHR CHAND KHANNA : The question may appropriately be addressed to the Government of Pakistan.

SHRIMATI MAYA DEVI CHETTRY: May I know, Sir, whether it is a fact that the scheme to settle about 1,000 families in Bihar is materialising ?

SHRI MEHR CHAND KHANNA : We have already sent about 1,100 to 1,200 families to Bihar. Under our new scheme they have already gone there, and the movement has already started.

*684. [Transferred to With September, 1956].

JAPANESE COMPETITION IN FOREIGN TEXTILE MARKETS

*666. SHRI H. C. DASAPPA (ON BEHALF OF SHRI M. VALIULLA) : Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND CONSUMER INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) which are our foreign textile markets where Japan is competing now; and

(b) whether as a result of this competition, our exports of textiles have been adversely affected ; and if so, to what extent (answer may be given country-wise)?

THE MINISTER FOR TRADE (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix XIV, Annexure No. 123.] "

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA : May I know, Sir, whether on the whole our exports have increased relatively speaking as compared to Japan ?

MR. CHAIRMAN : Upward or downward trend?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: Sir, I could not exactly follow what my friend meant compared to Japan?

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: May I know, Sir, whether our exports to these countries have kept pace with the increase which the Japanese have made ?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: No, Sir. We are going down in some areas as compared to Japan. And it has been a source of worry.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA : May I know, Sir, what accounts for the betterment of the Japanese position as compared to India's ?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: Sir, as my hon. friend knows, it is selling technique, and there are some facilities which they give as compared with our own exporting merchants here in India. The position is not hopeless, and we are trying to make up the loss.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: Will they consider improving the business technique and bringing it up to date, because it looks as though it is a little out-of-date ?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: Yes, Sir, I agree with my friend that it is a little out-of-date in some respects, and we do lack some techniques.....

SHRI KISHEN CHAND: May I know from the hon. Minister whether it is due to lower prices quoted by Japan for the same quality or stuff that we are losing our foreign markets; and if so, what steps have been taken by our country to lower our cost of production ?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: Sir, the matter depends upon many considerations. Sometimes, it is a question of prices; sometimes, it is a question of mutual accommodation, and sometimes, it is a question of packages. Sometimes, it is also a question of trade practices. All these are interlinked, as my hon. friend knows it.

PRODUCTION OF A FILM ON GANDHIJI'S TEACHINGS

*673. SHRI H. C. DASAPPA (ON BEHALF OF SHRI M. VALIULLA): Will the Minister for INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to starred Question No. III answered in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd August, 1955 and state:

(a) whether a script has since been written with a view to producing a film depicting the effect of Gandhiji's teachings on others;

(b) whether Mr. Otto Preminger has shown his intention to produce this film; and

(c) if so, on what terms ?

THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY
TO THE MINISTER FOR INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING (SHRI G.
RAJAGOPALAN): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA : May I know whether there is any idea of bringing out this film ? Are there any negotiations going on ?

DR. B. V. KESKAR : The hon. Member appears to be under a misapprehension. Some time ago there was a proposal to prepare a film on Gandhi-ji. The gentleman who has been referred to is a well-known producer in America. He was thinking of producing a film on Gandhiji's teachings, not for bringing Gandhiji himself into the picture. He came here and consulted us. We said " It is a very good idea." And we thought that if there was any necessity, we could look into the question of giving him further facilities. But he has made no further move in the matter.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: May I know, Sir, if Gandhiji's teachings have been followed by his other disciples who are in the Cabinet today ?

MR. CHAIRMAN : That has nothing to do with this question.

CONTRIBUTION TO TEA COUNCILS FOR PROPAGANDA IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

674. SHRI H. C. DASAPPA (ON BEHALF OF SHRI M. VALIULLA) : Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND CONSUMER INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(i) what 'was India's contribution to the Tea Council in each of the past three years to carry on propaganda for increased consumption of tea in the United States of America; and

(b) how much was spent for the purpose during the same period in other countries ?

THE MINISTER FOR CONSUMER INDUSTRIES (SHRI N. KANUNGO) :

(a) The following contributions were paid by India to the U.S.A. Tea Council during the last three years:—

	Rs.
1953-54	22,04
1954-55	17,01,688
1955-56	33,80,518

(b) The following expenditure was incurred by India during the last three years on tea propaganda in foreign countries exclusive of contributions to the U.S.A. Tea Council :—

	Rs.
1953-51	5,29,558
1954-55	16,91,25
1955-56	19,98,9 In

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: May I know, Sir, whether as a result of this expenditure the consumption of Indian tea has increased in the U.S.A. and in other countries ?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: It is difficult to assess the position. The point is that by and large, the U.S.A. is a coffee-using country, and there was a slight increase in our exports of tea to the U.S.A. But on the whole we are holding the market, and we hope to improve.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA : Sir, I wanted the hon. Minister's answer with regard to other countries also.

SHRI N. KANUNGO : In other countries, we are just holding the market.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION AND ANSWER

DEMONSTRATION BY ALIGARH MUSLIMS UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

19. SHRI KISHEN CHAND: Will the Minister for EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the students of the Aligarh Muslim University recently held a demonstration in connection with the publication of a book in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the students carried a copy of the religious book of the Hindus (The Bhagwat) and burnt it;