

In 1948-49, under Indo-Pakistan agreement 321,913 bales of medium and long staple cotton were imported in India. It is, however, not possible to state how much of this cotton was exactly medium staple cotton.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: According to the statement, the increase in 1955-56 is nearly double. May I know how much of this is due to the improved methods suggested by the Indian Cotton Committee? May I also know the increase in acreage?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: I think he must ask the Minister for Agriculture. Certainly, the increase is due to our efforts and improved methods and everything.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: What was the amount of extra profit to the growers on account of this increase?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: It depends upon the capacity of each grower and his efficiency.

INSTALLATION OF NEWSPRINT FACTORIES DURING SECOND FIVE YEAR PLAN PERIOD

***438. SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK:** Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state: how many newsprint factories Government propose to install in course of the Second Five Year Plan period and what is their proposed distribution statewide?

THE MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. M. SHAH): The Planning Commission has set a target of production of 100,000 tons of newsprint in the plan period. If the expected 30,000 tons production from Nepa mills materialises the shortfall has to be filled by the construction of two or more new factories. These and allied matters are under investigation.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know where these factories are going to be located?

SHRI M. M. SHAH: This has not been determined yet.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: What is the capacity of the Nepa Mills?

SHRI M. M. SHAH: It is 30,000 tons per annum.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: Have the Government under contemplation any scheme whatsoever for starting more factories?

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: He gave the answer. The matter is under consideration.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating to start a factory in the sub-Himalayan region?

SHRI M. M. SHAH: No, Sir. The entire thing is under consideration.

DR. W. S. BARLINGAY: I should like to know what are the concrete proposals that are under consideration?

SHRI M. M. SHAH: There are no concrete proposals yet.

***439. [For answer, vide col. 4122 infra.]**

PLAN TO MANUFACTURE INSULIN

***440. DR. D. H. VARIAVA:** Will the Minister for PRODUCTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to manufacture insulin;

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in affirmative, where the factory for the purpose is proposed to be located;

(c) what is the quantity of insulin that is intended to be produced; and

(d) what will be the approximate cost of the plan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR PRODUCTION (SHRI SATISH CHANDRA):
(a) No.

(b), (c) and (d). Does not arise.

DR. D. H. VARIAVA: Is there no proposal to start an insulin factory in India? Because it is one of the