

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANIL K. CHANDA): (a) Yes.

(b) Cho Oyu peak in Himalayas in Nepal

FRENCH MOUNTAINEERS IN DELHI

*462. SHRI J. V. K. VALLABHA-RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a party of six French mountaineers have arrived in Delhi; and

(b) if so, which are the peaks and areas included in their programme?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANIL K. CHANDA): (a) Yes.

(b) Makalu peak in Himalayas in Nepal.

MANUFACTURE OF TEXTILE MACHINE TOOLS

*470. SHRI J. V. K. VALLABHARAO: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state whether Government have given permission to a foreign firm to establish a factory at Madras for the manufacture of textile machine tools?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): It is not clear what the hon. Member means by Textile Machine Tools. If he means textile machinery, the answer is in the negative.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE TEA LICENSING COMMITTEE

223. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what were the assets and liabilities of the Tea Licensing Committee on the eve of the formation of the Tea Board; and

(b) whether the Tea Board has taken over the assets and liabilities of the Licensing Committee?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI):

RS. A. P.

(a) Assets .. 3,34,144 7 5

Liabilities .. 41,799 12 2.

(b) Yes, Sir.

CONSUMPTION OF RAYON YARN

224. SHRI B. M. SHAH: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the figures of consumption of Rayon yarn by Rayon Weaving Industry in each of 120 and 150 deniers in the year 1953 and in the first half of 1954;

(b) the figures of indigenous production of Rayon yarn in each of these deniers during the same periods; and

(c) the figures of imports of Rayon yarn in each of these deniers during the same periods?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI):

(a) The figures of consumption of Rayon yarn separately in 120 and 150 deniers are not available.

The estimated annual requirements are 10 million lbs. for 120 deniers and 14 million lbs. for 150 deniers.

(b) The indigenous production of Rayon yarn in these deniers was:—>

	120 deniers	150 deniers
Year (Million lbs.)	(Million lbs.)	
1953 .	2.31	6.68.
1954 .	1.82	3.37
(Jan.—June)		

(c) Figures of imports separately in deniers are not available.

Total imports of Rayon yarns during these periods were however, as under:—

	£	Rs.
1953	34,880,000	11,39,88,000
1954 (Jan.—June)	17,723,000	5,26,86,000

IMPORT OF BERYL

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

(a) the quantity of beryl imported into India during the year 1953-54; and

(b) the amount paid for the imported beryl during that year?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE (SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU): (a) and (b). Nil.

INDIANS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

226. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the number of Indians residing in (i) Turkey; (ii) Iran; (iii) Afghanistan; (iv) Egypt; and (v) Saudi Arabia?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE (SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU) : (i) About 30 consisting of the staff of the Embassy and their families. There are no Indians permanently resident and domiciled in Turkey.

(ii) 800 (iii) 300

(iv) »2700 (v)

2400

•This includes the number of Indians in Transjordan.

SURVEY OF NEPAL UNDER CTHB INDIAN FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

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

(a) the number of miles surveyed in the interior of Nepal under the

scheme of financial and technical assistance to Nepal by India;

(b) the amount so far spent by India in this regard; and

(c) whether the said amount has been treated as a loan or grant?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE (SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU) : (a) 902 miles.

(b) Rs. 29,900.

(c) The amount has been treated as a grant.

EXPECTED YIELD ON CAPITAL FROM HARIKE PROJECT

228. SHRI P. C. BHANJ DEO: Will the Minister for IRRIGATION AND-POWER be pleased to state the rate of yield on capital expected from the Harike project?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI •T S. L. HATHI): 4-84 per cent, at the end of 15 years after the completion of the Project.

EFFORTS TO IMPORT STEEL

229. SHRI P. C. BHANJ DEO: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what were the efforts made-during the year 1953-54 to import steel to meet the shortage of steel in the country; and

(b) whether any special staff was employed for the purpose; and if so, what was the number of such staff and the expenditure incurred on them?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI) : (a) Apart from continuing licensing of imports by private importers on a liberal basis, imports were arranged for under the Technical Co-operation Programme of the United States of America Govern-