

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.) | (Million lbs.) |
| 1953 . | 2.31 | 6.68. |
| 1954 . | 1.82 | 3.37 |
| (Jan.—June) | | |

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