

PRODUCTION, EXPORT AND IMPORT OF SHELL  
BUTTONS

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

(a) the quantity of shell buttons produced in India in each year from 1947-48 onwards;

(b) whether these buttons are produced in cottage industry; and

(c) whether Japan has been exporting similar buttons to India?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI): (a) Production statistics of shell buttons are not available.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Information is not available.

MICA

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

(a) what percentage of the mica produced in India is consumed in this country; and

(b) what are the main recommendations of the Mica Advisory Committee and which of these recommendations have been accepted by Government?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI): (a) Internal consumption of mica is negligible. The entire production is more or less exported to foreign countries.

(b) The main recommendations of the Mica Advisory Committee related to the question of utilisation of the scrap mica in the paints and plastic industry. The Central Glass and Ceramic Research Institute has been asked to undertake research of utilising scrap mica in the paints and plastic industry.

INDIANS AND NON-INDIANS EMPLOYED IN  
FIRMS AFFILIATED TO ASSOCIATED  
CHAMBERS

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

(a) the number of Indians and non-Indians employed in the firms affiliated to the Associated Chambers in (a) technical and (b) managerial posts in the grades of—

(i) Rs. 300—499;

(ii) Rs. 500—999; and

(iii) Rs. 1,000 and above;

as on 1st January 1954;

(b) whether there are any foreign firms in India which are not affiliated to the Associated Chambers; and

(c) if so, what is the percentage of Indians employed in these firms?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI): (a) A statement is attached. [See Appendix VIII, Annexure No. 15.]

(b) and (c). Information is not available.

SCHOOLS EQUIPPED WITH RADIO RECEIVERS

12. MOULANA M. FARUQI: Will the Minister for INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the total number of schools in each of the States which are equipped with radio receivers?

THE MINISTER FOR INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (DR. B. V. KESKAR): A statement giving the required information is placed on the Table of the Council. [See Appendix VIII, Annexure No. 16.]

COPRA AND COCONUT OIL

13. SHRI KISHORI RAM: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state how the prices of copra and coconut oil in

India compared with the prices of those articles in each of the countries from which they were imported into India in each year since 1948-49?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI): Two statements are attached. [See Appendix VIII, Annexure Nos. 17 and 18.]

EXCHANGE OF TELEGRAMS BETWEEN GOVERNORS OF ASSAM AND WEST BENGAL AND THE GOVERNOR OF EAST PAKISTAN

14. SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any telegrams were exchanged between the Governors of Assam and West Bengal on the one hand and the Governor of East Pakistan on the other after the suspension of the constitutional Government in East Pakistan; and

(b) if so, what were the contents of these telegrams?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE (SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU): (a) and (b). Yes. Copies of the telegrams exchanged are placed on the Table of the House.

*Copy of telegram dated the 31st May 1954, from Major General Iskandar Mirza, Governor of East Bengal, Dacca, addressed to the Governors of Assam and West Bengal.*

"On assuming charge of the Office of Governor of East Pakistan I address Your Excellency as the Governor of a neighbouring State in the hope that I will have the fullest co-operation from Your Excellency and your Government for removing the difficulties of our respective peoples. I would like to assure Your Excellency that the minorities as citizens of Pakistan will be given every opportunity to lead a life of usefulness and dignity and that I will regard their life and honour as my own."

*Copy of telegram dated the 3rd June 1954 from Shri Jairamdas Doulatram, Governor of Assam to Major General Iskandar Mirza, Governor of East Pakistan.*

"I was glad to receive Your Excellency's telegram sent on assuming office of Governor of East Pakistan. My Government and myself will be only too happy to extend as heretofore our fullest co-operation in settling matters affecting welfare of our respective peoples. I welcome all that Your Excellency has said about minorities in Pakistan and wish to assure Your Excellency that the Muslim minority as citizens of India will continue to receive in my State fullest opportunities for progress and protection of legitimate interests."

*Copy of telegram dated the 3rd June 1954 from Shri H. C. Mookerjee, Governor of West Bengal to the Governor of East Bengal, Dacca.*

"I thankfully acknowledge Your Excellency's telegram dated 31st May and congratulate Your Excellency on the clear assurances and fine sentiments expressed therein regarding the minorities in Pakistan. May I assure Your Excellency that the fullest co-operation has been and will be given by myself and my Government towards the achievement of that noble object."

NEW TOWNSHIPS FOR DISPLACED PERSONS

15. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new townships for displaced persons proposed to be built in 1954-55;

(b) the places where they will be built;

(c) the estimated amount to be spent on each township; and

(d) the time likely to be required for the completion of the construction of these townships?