

TEXTILE ENQUIRY COMMITTEE'S REPORT

*24. KAZI KARIMUDDIN: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state whether the Textile Enquiry Committee has submitted any report?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): No, Sir. The Committee is expected to submit its report in September 1954.

MAJOR IRRIGATION PROJECTS IN ANDHRA STATE

*36. SHRI K. SURYANARAYANA: Will the Minister for PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the Government of Andhra regarding the inclusion of some of their major irrigation projects in the First Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, what are the names of those projects and what order of preference has been proposed by that Government with regard to those projects; and

(c) what action has been taken on that representation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI J. S. L. HATHI): (a), (b) and (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the Council. [See Appendix VIII, Annexure No. 14.]

INDIAN TRADE DELEGATION ON TOBACCO

*37. SHRI K. SURYANARAYANA: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have sent a delegation to some foreign countries to find out markets for Indian tobacco; and

(b) if so, what is the personnel of the delegation and which are the countries to be visited by the delegation?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): (a) Yes, Sir. The delegation has since returned.

(b) The personnel of the delegation consisted of:

1. Shri K. Raghuramaiah, M.P. (Leader).

2. Shri E. Gubbay, National Tobacco Co., Calcutta (Non-official).

3. Shri M. V. S. Rao, Messrs. M. V. S. Rao & Co., Guntur (Non-official).

4. Shri G. Narahari, Messrs. Narahari & Choudhary & Co. (Non-official).

5. Dr. M. S. Patel, Secretary, Indian Central Tobacco Committee (Member-Secretary—Official).

The countries visited by the delegation were Japan, China, Thailand, Hongkong and Singapore.

INDIANS IN DUTCH INDIES

8. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the number of Indians or persons of Indian origin settled in—

(i) the Dutch West Indies, and

(ii) the former Dutch East Indies?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE (SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU): Dutch West Indies comprises of Surinam (Dutch Guiana) and the Netherlands Antilles, a group of six islands, viz. Curacao, Aruba, Bonaire, Saba, St. Eustatius and a part of St. Martin. According to recent information, the number of people of Indian origin in Surinam (Dutch Guiana) is 69,856. Regarding the group of six islands known as the Netherlands Antilles, no reliable figures about Indian settlers are available. According to official sources in Holland, Indians residing in the Antilles are between 20 and 40.

The number of Indians in Indonesia (formerly known as Dutch East Indies) is about 40,000.