

Village industries—

11. Khadi Pratistan (Bengal)
12. Ekahatpur (Bombay)
13. Rahori (Bombay)
14. Manganwari (Wardha)
15. Khimal (Rajasthan).

Khadi and village industries—

16. Bako (Assam)
17. Koragram Udhog (Bombay)
18. Sevapuri (Near Banaras)
19. Vedchihi (Bardoli)
20. Vizianagram

**MOVEMENT OF THE HEADQUARTERS OF
THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA
AND FAR EAST TO INDIA**

87. **SHRI M. VALIULLA:** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether Government have invited the Economic Commission for Asia and Far East to shift its headquarters to India?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE (SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU): Yes, Sir.

DEMAND FOR SAMBHAR LAKE SALT

88. **SHRI M. VALIULLA:** Will the Minister for PRODUCTION be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is a wide-spread demand for Sambhar Lake salt in India; and

(b) if so, what measures have been adopted to improve its production?

THE MINISTER FOR PRODUCTION (SHRI K. C. REDDY): (a) There is good demand for Sambhar salt in Rajasthan, East Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, North Bihar, Madhya Bharat, Kashmir and Nepal.

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(b) Salt production at Sambhar Lake sources, specially at Sambhar, is dependant on rainfall. To supplement production, salt is manufactured also from subterranean brine. The number of pans and kuls has been increased to achieve an increase in production. Further, the three percolation canals at Gudha, Nawa and Deodani, which form the chief source of supply of subterranean brine, are being desilted and cleaned up to ensure a copious supply of brine. To meet the situation in the event of failure of rains and to procure larger quantities of subterranean brine, it is proposed to carry out a survey of the Lake with a view to locating all the sources of sub-soil brine.

EXPORT OF SHELLAC

89. **SHRI K. C. GEORGE:** Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total transactions of Messrs. Rallis India Ltd., Messrs. Mac Greg and Co., Messrs. Angelo Brothers and Messrs. M. M. Ispahani Ltd., in the export-import trade of shellac during each of the years 1949 to 1952;

(b) the total capital of each of these firms and the annual profits of each of these firms during the same period;

(c) the total quantity and value of shellac imported annually by the United States of America and the United Kingdom from each of these firms during the period from 1947 to May 1953; and

(d) the price of raw lac and shellac obtaining in the internal and overseas market each year during the above period?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): (a), (b) and (d). A statement containing the available information is attached. [See Appendix V, Annexure No. 44.]

(c) Information is not available.