

PRODUCTION OF WOOL IN INDIA

104. SHRI B. RATH: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) when the last sheep-census of the country was taken and what is the present estimated production and requirement of raw wool in the country;

(b) the steps Government have taken or propose to take to promote the manufacture in India of machinery for the production of woollen goods;

(c) the value of such machinery imported from abroad during the years 1949-52 (country-wise); and

(d) whether Government have received any representation from the wool industrialists regarding the uncertainty of marketing of woollen goods; if so, what action Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): (a) The sheep-census was last conducted in May 1951. The present estimated production and requirement of raw wool in the country are about 50 million lbs. and 24 million lbs. respectively.

(b) It is left to the private enterprise to establish manufacture of machinery for the production of woollen goods, and the Government will give necessary facilities.

(c) A statement is attached. [See Appendix V, Annexure No. 56.]

(d) Government have received representations. In order to encourage the marketing of woollen goods, import of such fabrics is being allowed only to small extent. Export of indigenous goods is allowed under O. G. L.

COMPLAINTS REGARDING THE COAL SUPPLY

105. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for PRODUCTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints and representations received by Govern-

ment from various mills and manufacturing concerns in the year 1952 regarding the difficulty experienced by them in getting proper coal supply; and

(b) what is the position of coal supply now?

THE MINISTER FOR PRODUCTION (SHRI K. C. REDDY): (a) No statistics are maintained. Figures specially collected for a sample week in July this year show that on an average approximately 193 complaints are received daily in the Coal Commissioner's Organisation from mills and manufacturing concerns.

(b) Supply of wagons for coal loading has shown a slight improvement during the first half of this year but it is still inadequate to cope with the demand which is progressively going up.

AID GIVEN TO MYSORE STATE FOR IRRIGATION PROJECTS

106. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for IRRIGATION and POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount paid to Mysore State during 1952-53 by Government for the river irrigation projects; and

(b) the amount proposed to be paid for that purpose during 1953-54?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI J. S. L. HATHI): (a) No financial aid was given in 1952-53.

(b) Rs. 50 lakhs for irrigation projects.

EXPANSION OF VISAKHAPATNAM SHIPYARD

107. SHRI P. C. BHANJ DEO: Will the Minister for PRODUCTION be pleased to state whether the third berth at Visakhapatnam Shipyards proposed to be completed towards the end of the year 1952 (as stated in section 6 of Planning Commission's publication, viz., "Programmes of Industrial Development, 1951-56"), has since been completed?

THE MINISTER FOR PRODUCTION (SHRI K. C. REDDY): Yes. The berth