

the trade of the South Indian match companies?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): (a) The important raw materials imported are phosphorus, potassium chlorate, sulphur, glue, starch and kraft paper; the imports are mostly from USA, UK, France, Sweden and Belgium.

Information in regard to the import value of these raw materials consumed by the match industry is not available.

(b) Yes, Sir, mainly about the supply of sulphur. The supply position of sulphur has now eased to a considerable extent.

(c) It is not possible to assess the effects of competition with any exactitude, but the production of matches by the smaller units has shown a progressive increase in South India over the last three years while the production of the Western India Match Co Madras appears to have declined.

EXPORT OF GINGER AND IMPORT OF GINGER OIL

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

(a) the measures adopted by Government to prevent the export of ginger and import of ginger oil;

(b) the value of ginger exported and ginger oil imported during the last three years; and

(c) the names of the countries to which we export ginger and the names of the countries from which we import ginger oil?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): (a) Ginger is produced in abundance in the country and it is, therefore, not necessary to control its export. As there is practically no production of ginger oil in the country and internal require-

ments are met from imports, it is not possible to stop its imports.

(b) and (c). A statement, showing value of ginger exported to different countries in the last 3 years, is attached. Imports of ginger oil are not recorded separately in official statistics and are, therefore, not available. [See Appendix V, Annexure No. 9.]

EXTENT OF INDIA'S REQUIREMENT MET BY IMPORTED ROCK-SALT

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

(a) how much of India's requirement of rock-salt is met by imports; and

(b) which are the places in India where rock-salt is found?

THE MINISTER FOR PRODUCTION (SHRI K. C. REDDY): (a) No rock-salt has been imported into India since December, 1951. No part of our requirement of rock-salt is therefore met by imports.

(b) Rock salt deposits are found in Guma, Drang and Maigal in Mandi District, Himachal Pradesh.

COKE MANUFACTURING CONCERNS

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

(a) the number of coke manufacturing concerns in India owned by (i) private agencies and (ii) Government;

(b) what bye-products of coke are prepared in the factories and in what quantities; and

(c) what is India's requirement of these bye-products?

THE MINISTER FOR PRODUCTION (SHRI K. C. REDDY): (a) (i) Seven.

(ii) One.

(b) A statement showing the bye-products and the quantities produced by the coke plants in India during the years 1950, 1951 and 1952 and first six months of 1953, is attached. [See Appendix V, Annexure No. 10.]

(c) A statement showing the estimated annual requirements is placed below.

Statement showing the estimated annual requirements of coke oven bye-products and coal tar distillation products.

Crude coal tar	70,000 tons.
*Benzol	56 million gallons (6m gallons for production of toluene and benzene, and 50m gallons as motor fuel if it is used to the extent of 20% in admixture with petrol).
*Benzene	9,41,000 gallons.
*Toluene	14,10,000 gallons.
Solvent naphtha	80,000 gallons.
Creosote oil, light	1,40,000 gallons.
Creosote oil, heavy	4,00,000 gallons.
Phenol	500 tons.
Naphthalene	850 tons.
Pitch	3,400 tons.
Road tar	37,000 tons.

CONSTRUCTION OF A REFUGEE MARKET AT SILIGURI

45. SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: Will the Minister for REHABILITATION be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a sum of rupees 3½ lacs has been granted to the Government of West Bengal by the Government of India for the construction of a refugee market at Siliguri (Distt. Darjeeling)?

THE MINISTER FOR REHABILITATION (SHRI A. P. JAIN): A scheme for the construction of a bazar at Siliguri for displaced persons has been sanc-

*As recommended by the Inter Departmental Committee on the Production of Benzol, Benzene and Toluene.

tioned and the necessary funds for the purpose are being placed at the disposal of the West Bengal Government.

TANNERY AND LEATHER FACTORIES IN KANPUR

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

(a) the total number of tannery and leather factories in Kanpur during the period from the year 1947 to May, 1953 (year by year);

(b) the total number of workers employed in these factories each year during the same period;

(c) the productive capacity of these factories and the actual production during the same period;

(d) the stock released by these factories each year during the same period; and

(e) the prices of raw and tanned hides in 1948-49, immediately after the outbreak of the Korean war and in 1951-53?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): (a) and (c). A statement giving the information in respect of the organised units is attached. [See Appendix V, Annexure No. 11.]

(b), (d) and (e). Information is not available.

PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY OF AGRICO

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

(a) the productive capacity and actual production of AGRICO, Jamshedpur during each of the years 1951, 1952 and 1953 (up to May);

(b) the number of workers employed in AGRICO during the same period; and