

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.