

maximum of 1,000 tons per day may be exported thus with a reduced surcharge.

(b) Rs. 5-8-0 per ton. The reason for the reduction is that the buyer has to bear the road transport charges which are approximately Rs. 12 per ton more than the railway freight.

CLAIMS OF DISPLACED PERSONS FROM WEST PAKISTAN

83. SHRI R. P. N. SINHA : Will the Minister for REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) what percentage of the claims already settled in respect of the displaced persons from West Pakistan is to be paid to the claimants and within what time ; and

(b) the detailed procedure that is to be employed in respect of such payments ?

THE MINISTER FOR REHABILITATION (SHRI AJIT PRASAD JAIN) : (a) and (b). No decision has as yet been taken in the matter.

SULPHUR SHORTAGE IN FERTILIZER AND CHEMICAL FACTORY AT ALWAYS

84. SHRI M. MANJURAN : Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there was a hold-up of production on account of shortage of sulphur in the Fertilizer and Chemical Factory at Always, Travancore-Cochin ; and

(b) whether the possibility of the use of any alternative raw materials in case of serious shortage of sulphur has been considered in order to avoid such hold-up of production in future ?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI) : (a) Yes, Sir, for about 2 months.

(b) Yes, Sir.

QUANTITY OF SULPHUR ALLOTTED TO FERTILIZER AND CHEMICAL FACTORY AT ALWAYS

85. SHRI M. MANJURAN : Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of sulphur allotted to the Fertilizer and Chemical Factory at Always (Travancore-Cochin) for the year 1951-52 ;

(b) the total quantity of sulphur for which import licences were issued the same period for use in that factory ;

(c) the quantity of sulphur actually imported by the Factory ;

(d) the quantity of fertilizers daily produced in the Factory ; and

(e) the total quantity of fertilizers produced by the Factory during 1951 and during the first 6 months of 1952 ?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI) : (a) 6,172 tons.

(b) No licence for the import of sulphur was required during this period as this item was covered by O. G. L. XXIII.

(c) As far as Government are aware no import was made by this factory.

(d) About 85 tons.

(e) 1951—28,002 tons.

1952 (January-May)—6,088 tons.

Production figures for June 1952 are not yet available.

COTTAGE INDUSTRIES

86. SHRI D. NARAYAN : Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) what particular cottage industries are being encouraged and helped by Government ;

(b) what form of help and protection are given to them ;