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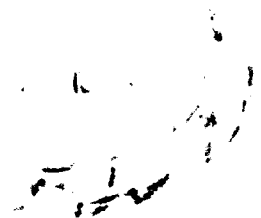
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From this issue onwards monthly exports and imports of different varieties of unmanufactured tobacco and manufactured products from and into India will be a regular feature so as to enable the tobacco trader to gather detailed information about varieties and types exported and imported from and into India.

As usual tobacco crop condition reports, market reports and meteorological data from different centres have been given. According to the Grading Report, quantity of tobacco graded and marked for export during July and August 1957 was estimated at 11.7 million lbs. and 6.1 million lbs. respectively.

About 2 million lbs. of unmanufactured tobacco worth Rs. 1.1 million and 0.5 million lbs. of manufactured tobacco worth Rs. 1.5 million were exported from India during January 1957. Singapore alone consumed about 788 thousand lbs. of Flue-cured Virginia tobacco and Aden imported about 504 thousand lbs. of all types of tobacco excepting Virginia type. The other important outlets for Indian tobacco were U.K., Netherlands, Ceylon and Saudi Arabia.

About 403 thousand lbs. of both unmanufactured and manufactured

tobacco valued at Rs. 1.8 million were imported during the month of January 1957.

According to London Report, imports of tobacco into U.K. during May, June and July 1957 were about 14.1 million lbs. worth Rs. 51.8 million, 20.8 million lbs. worth Rs. 75.7 million and 25.2 million lbs. worth Rs. 84.5 million respectively.

Under "News and Notes," world exports of unmanufactured tobacco during 1956, estimate of current tobacco crop in U.S.A., exports of unmanufactured tobacco during the year 1956 from the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland and other important tobacco statistics in respect of different tobacco growing and importing countries of the world have been incorporated.

The Government of India's notification on the subject "Re-importation into India of samples of Indian Origin sent abroad and brought over by Indian businessmen" and the trade agreement between India and Indonesia which includes 'infer and tobacco', feature in this issue under announcement.

M. S. PATEL,
Secretary

TOBACCO EXPORTS FROM INDIA

UNMANUFACTURED TOBACCO

Countries	For manufacture of bidis		For manufacture of chewing tobacco		Natu Desi Sun-cured for cigarette manufacture		Virginia Flue-cured for cigarette manufacture	
	Quantity in Pounds	Value in Rupees	Quantity in Pounds	Value in Rupees	Quantity in Pounds	Value in Rupees	Quantity in Pounds	Value in Rupees
1. Aden ...	33,183	11,560	211,469	1,07,490	...	...	...	...
2. Austria ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	2
3. Belgium ...	...	...	...	...	17,136	10,517	...	...
4. Ceylon ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5. Egypt ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	5
6. Germany West ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	2
7. Malaya ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	381,583	1,20,341
8. Maldives ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
9. Netherlands ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	168,566	81,760
10. Saudi Arabia ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
11. Singapore ...	...	...	10,300	11,000	...	...	659,119	2,87,048
12. United Kingdom ...	...	...	...	...	48,774	77,852	...	...
13. U.S.S.R. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	4
14. Yemen ...	...	...	16,545	12,090	...	...	...	...
Total ...	33,183	11,560	238,314	1,30,580	65,910	88,369	1,209,293	4,89,162

MANUFACTURED TOBACCO

Countries	Bidis		Chewing Tobacco		Hookah Tobacco		Jarda Scented Tobacco	
	Quantity in Pounds	Value in Rupees	Quantity in Pounds	Value in Rupees	Quantity in Pounds	Value in Rupees	Quantity in Pounds	Value in Rupees
1. Aden ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2. Bahrain Island ...	...	...	...	...	36,795	36,150	11	123
3. Ceylon ...	250,050	10,80,575	...	...	...	...	...	...
4. Kenya ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5. Kuwait ...	...	...	38	250	...	...	...	...
6. Malaya ...	2,656	10,347	...	...	...	...	...	...
7. Maldives ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8. Nepal ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
9. Nyasaland ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10. Rhodesia South ...	...	...	20	72	...	...	...	...
11. Saudi Arabia ...	...	...	...	...	79,055	65,625	...	...
12. Singapore ...	26,751	1,30,737	...	...	...	...	...	...
13. Tanganyika ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
14. ...	112	201	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	279,569	12,21,860	58	322	115,850	1,01,775	571	8,992

(DETAILS) DURING JANUARY 1957

Virginia Sun-cured for cigarette manufacture		For manufacture of Hookah tobacco		Tobacco stalks and stems		Other tobacco		Total	
Quantity in Pounds	Value in Rupees	Quantity in Pounds	Value in Rupees	Quantity in Pounds	Value in Rupees	Quantity in Pounds	Value in Rupees	Quantity in Pounds	Value in Rupees
...	...	28,685	4,460	21,846	3,500	208,872	91,959	504,055	2,18,969
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	2
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17,136	10,517
...	...	983	1,210	...	...	3,912	4,072	4,895	5,282
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	5
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	2
...	...	...	...	...	...	1,438	2,673	383,021	1,23,014
...	...	...	...	...	...	8,072	8,938	8,072	8,938
32,248	20,824	...	...	...	...	...	...	200,814	1,02,584
...	...	1,120	630	...	...	...	...	1,120	680
...	...	...	...	...	...	118,407	54,000	787,826	3,52,048
108,328	1,67,489	...	...	...	...	...	...	157,102	2,45,341
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	4
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16,545	12,090
140,576	1,88,313	30,788	6,350	21,846	3,500	3,40,701	1,61,642	2,080,611	10,79,476

Snuff Tobacco		Bidi Tobacco		Cigar and Cheroots		Cigarettes		Total	
Quantity in Pounds	Value in Rupees	Quantity in Pounds	Value in Rupees	Quantity in Pounds	Value in Rupees	Quantity in Pounds	Value in Rupees	Quantity in Pounds	Value in Rupees
1,542	5,764	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,542	5,764
...	...	...	...	580	4,630	...	...	37,386	40,903
320	199	27,203	51,799	...	...	1,008	4,531	278,581	11,37,104
50	405	...	...	...	...	...	...	50	405
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38	250
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,656	10,347
...	...	...	...	...	...	560	1,839	985	3,909
...	...	425	2,070	...	...	37,042	73,169	37,042	73,169
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	31
6	31	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	72
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	79,055	65,625
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26,751	1,30,737
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	112	263
112	263	...	...	...	...	...	...	112	201
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	784	1,426
224	650	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2,254	7,312	27,628	53,869	580	4,630	38,610	79,539	465,120	14,70,206

**Total of Unmanufactured and Manufactured Tobacco Exports from India
(January, 1957)**

Countries	Quantity in Pounds	Value in Rupees
Aden	505,597	2,24,733
Austria	4	2
Bahrein island	37,386	40,903
Belgium	17,136	10,517
Ceylon	283,476	11,42,386
Egypt	9	5
Germany West	4	2
Kenya	50	405
Kuwait	38	250
Malaya	385,677	1,33,361
Maldives	9,057	12,847
Nepal	37,042	73,169
Netherlands	200,814	1,02,584
Nyasaland	6	31
Rhodesia South	20	72
Saudi Arabia	80,175	66,305
Singapore	814,577	4,82,785
Tanganyika	112	263
Trcl. Oman	112	201
United Kingdom	157,102	2,45,341
U.S.S.R.	8	4
Yemen	16,545	12,090
Zanzibar	784	1,426
Total	2,545,731	25,49,682

GUNTUR REPORT

July and August 1957

The following quantities of tobacco are reported to have been purchased by the major companies and others during the period under report.

Variety	Quantity in Pounds	
	July	August
Flue-cured Virginia	601,943	252,221
Sun-cured Virginia	2,649	..
Sun-cured country	554,120	335,335

Exports of tobacco to outside the notified area during the months under report were as under :—

Variety	Quantity in Pounds	
	July	August
Flue-cured Virginia	7,827,923	9,365,537
Sun-cured Virginia	523,804	915,422
Sun-cured country	2,757,214	1,856,111
Gulla	1,384,652	572,614

Imports of tobacco into the notified area during the period were as below :—

Variety	Quantity in Pounds	
	July	August
Flue-cured Virginia	44,378	160,958

Courtesy :—Guntur Market Committee, Guntur.

GRADING REPORT

Quantity and value of tobacco graded and marked for Exports during July and August 1957

Variety of Tobacco	Estimated weight in pounds		Approximate value in Rupees	
	July	August	July	August
Flue-cured Virginia	10,602,270	4,525,450	54,28,283	22,35,888
Sun-cured Virginia	159,290	278,610	1,23,925	1,94,520
White Burley	42,250	14,740	26,273	5,784
Sun-cured (Natu) country	925,250	1,262,450	10,06,237	13,01,277
Jutty	4,280	38,610	1,327	7,269
Motihari	..	20,090	..	30,135
Total	11,733,340	6,139,950	65,86,045	37,74,873

Courtesy :—Agricultural Marketing Adviser to the Government of India.

TOBACCO IMPORTS INTO

UNMANUFACTURED TOBACCO

Countries	Natu Desai Flue-cured for Cigarette manufacture		Flue-cured Virginia Cigarette manufacture	
	Quantity in Pounds	Value in Rupees	Quantity in Pounds	Value in Rupees
Burma	..	..	..	..
United Kingdom ..	..	..	150	2,409
United States of America ..	437	2,135	298,135	13,91,375
Total ..	437	2,135	298,285	13,93,784

MANUFACTURED TOBACCO

Countries	Cigar & Cheroots		Cigarettes	
	Quantity in Pounds	Value in Rupees	Quantity in Pounds	Value in Rupees
Australia	..	..	562	6,657
Bulgaria	17	160	2	40
Belgium	71	2,508	..	..
Burma	..	..	..	..
Canada	3	349	25	215
Czechoslovakia ..	..	..	22	207
Germany West ..	..	..	..	29
Hongkong	1	20	70	380
Italy	..	..	..	..
Japan	..	..	25	250
Nepal	..	..	..	..
Netherlands ..	30	552	..	..
Philippines ..	9	129	..	..
Poland	..	..	..	32
Seychelles ..	..	..	1	8
Switzerland ..	..	..	208	2,588
United Kingdom ..	81	3,882	33,096	1,54,398
U.S.A.	..	..	104	438
Viet Nam R.P. ..	..	..	..	6
Total ..	212	7,600	34,115	1,65,248

INDIA (DETAILS) DURING JANUARY 1957

Cigar & Cheroots		Other Tobacco		Total	
Quantity in Pounds	Value in Rupees	Quantity in Pounds	Value in Rupees	Quantity in Pounds	Value in Rupees
21,280	10,522	22,512	10,973	43,792	21,495
..	..	..	..	150	2,409
291	4,060	22,428	1,62,973	321,291	15,60,543
21,571	14,582	44,940	1,73,946	365,233	15,84,447

Hookah		Pipe and Cigarettes		Other Tobacco		Total	
Quantity in Pounds	Value in Rupees	Quantity in Pounds	Value in Rupees	Quantity in Pounds	Value in Rupees	Quantity in Pounds	Value in Rupees
..	..	..	..	..	..	562	6,657
..	..	..	..	..	..	19	200
..	..	..	..	..	..	71	2,508
..	..	..	..	..	1,510	..	1,510
..	..	..	..	..	..	28	564
..	..	..	..	..	..	22	207
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	29
..	..	..	..	..	..	71	400
..	..	66	754	..	..	66	754
..	..	..	..	..	..	25	250
40	28	..	..	..	..	40	28
..	..	..	..	..	..	30	552
..	..	..	..	..	..	9	129
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32
..	..	..	..	..	..	1	8
..	..	..	..	..	..	208	2,588
..	..	2,500	29,320	449	4,273	36,126	1,91,873
..	..	..	..	..	..	104	438
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
40	28	2,566	30,074	449	5,783	37,382	2,08,733

Total of Unmanufactured and Manufactured Tobacco Imports into India
(January, 1957)

Countries	Quantity in Pounds	Value in Rupees
Australia	562	6,657
Belgium	71	2,508
Bulgaria	19	200
Burma	43,792	23,005
Canada	28	564
Czechoslovakia	22	207
Germany West	...	29
Hongkong	71	400
Italy	66	754
Japan	25	250
Nepal	40	28
Netherlands	30	552
Philippines	9	129
Poland	...	32
Seychelles	1	8
Switzerland	208	2,588
United Kingdom	36,276	1,94,282
U.S.A.	321,395	15,60,981
Viet Nam R.P.	...	6
Total	402,615	17,93,180

Source for data on Tobacco imports and exports :—Monthly Statistics of the Foreign Trade of India.

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LONDON REPORT

Total tobacco imports into the United Kingdom from India and other main countries during
May to July 1957

Countries	Quantity in Pounds			Value in Rupees		
	May	June	July	May	June	July
Rhodesia and Nyasaland ..	2,732,436	5,499,390	10,914,888	1,12,88,393	2,08,99,935	3,77,77,045
India ..	3,985,734	10,851,350	8,272,245	1,27,49,224	3,26,50,769	2,35,58,003
British North Borneo ..	..	106,791	..	..	11,49,501	..
Canada ..	3,680,606	192,893	492,921	1,17,61,908	5,80,141	14,58,263
Jamaica ..	15,717	16,432	26,228	3,78,659	6,26,030	5,08,063
Other Commonwealth countries and Irish Republic ..	40,153	83,894	15,619	1,62,787	2,99,386	65,190
Netherlands ..	329,393	429,789	126,630	16,82,776	47,62,985	15,28,803
Italy ...	...	38	167	...	80	1,284
Greece ..	27,819	5,253	153,524	62,127	14,405	5,63,489
Turkey ..	160,441	40,053	6,421	6,29,200	1,57,477	23,807
U.S.A. ...	2,802,117	3,560,795	4,990,118	1,11,66,266	1,37,73,749	1,78,25,866
Cuba ..	125,469	11,991	79,699	11,41,128	5,48,616	7,30,208
Other foreign countries ..	232,742	42,206	97,694	7,69,357	2,28,124	4,43,100
Total ..	14,132,627	20,840,875	25,176,154	5,17,91,825	7,56,91,198	8,44,83,121

METEOROLOGICAL DATA

July and August 1957

Stations	Temperature (°F)		Relative Humidity		Total rainfall in M.Ms.
	Average Maximum	Average Minimum	At 08-30 Hours	At 17-30 Hours	
July, 1957—					
* Guntur	94.2	77.2	84	59	110.0
† Vendasandur	93.2	76.4	73	47	Nil
‡ Pusa	90.4	79.5	90	76	295.1
§ Dinhata	89.3	78.8	91	78	550.9
Rajahmundry	99.9	79.0	89	66	163.9
Coimbatore	82.4	71.9	82	68	26.4
Anand	91.4	78.2	88	74	317.5
Ferozepore	100.8	80.6	70	45	234.9
August, 1957—					
* Guntur	88.8	75.4	88	67	400.8
† Vendasandur	94.5	76.4	66	42	60.7
‡ Pusa	90.1	79.7	92	84	249.7
§ Dinhata	90.3	78.0	92	75	505.2
Rajahmundry	88.3	76.6	91	74	225.8
Coimbatore	82.9	71.9	77	65	4.1
Anand	91.4	77.4	88	67	108.2
Ferozepore	94.3	78.3	80	65	105.7

Source : From data furnished by the Committee's Research Stations at Guntur, Vendasandur, Pusa, Dinhata and Rajahmundry and Meteorological Centres at Madras and New Delhi.

NOTE.—* The humidity figures refer to 07.08 Hrs. and 14.08 Hrs.

† " " 07-18 Hrs. and 14-18 Hrs.
 ‡ " " 07-00 Hrs. and 14-00 Hrs.
 § " " 06-32 Hrs. and 13-32 Hrs.
 || " " 07-03 Hrs. and 14-03 Hrs.

CROP CONDITION

(1) MYSORE STATE

(a) Nipani (Belgaum District) (June to August 1957)

Preparation of seed-beds for sowing tobacco was completed by the end of June 1957. During the last week of June sowing was started which continued till the end of July 1957. In the second fortnight of July, tobacco beds were hand-watered when necessary due to less rainfall. In August 1957 fertilizers were applied to early planted crops and the plantation was practically started from the first week of August.

(From data furnished by Agronomist, Agricultural Research Station, Nipani).

(b) Bangalore (July and August 1957)

About 2,879 acres were planted under tobacco upto the end of August, 1957.

A quantity of 413 thousand lbs. of cured leaf was unloaded from the barns during the period under report. About 2 lakhs lbs. of redried tobacco of top grades were sold locally.

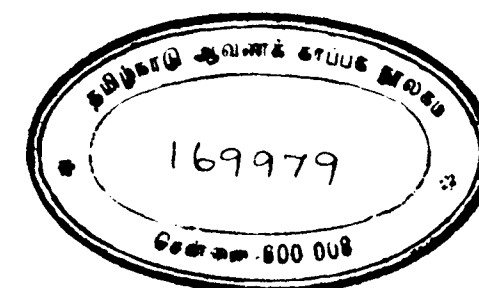
[From data furnished by Mysore Tobacco Company Ltd., Bangalore]

PUNJAB STATE

Ferozepore (July and August 1957)

Curing of tobacco was over and marketing of the produce was in full swing during the period under report. It is reported that the quality of the produce was generally good. Preparation of lands for tobacco nursery for the next season was taken up during the month of August.

[From data furnished by Economic Botanist for Millets, Ferozepore Cantt.]



MARKET REPORTS

ANDHRA PRADESH

(1) East Godavari District (July and August, 1957)

Sales of Country tobacco during the period under report totalled about 0.6 million lbs. while exports of Virginia and country tobacco during the period amounted to about 2.9 million lbs. and 0.6 million lbs. respectively.

The rates per candy of country tobacco ranged from Rs. 200 to Rs. 300 depending on the size and aroma of the leaf and the lanka in which it was grown. There were no sales of Virginia tobacco during the period.

[From data furnished by the Secretary, East Godavari Market Committee, Rajahmundry]

(2) Krishna District (July and August, 1957)

Marketing of Virginia tobacco was over by the beginning of the period under report.

The market for Natu tobacco was active. Prices of Natu tobacco ranged from Rs. 450 to Rs. 700 per candy during July and from Rs. 450 to Rs. 650 during August 1957.

Arrivals and stocks of various types of tobacco during the period were as follows :—

Type	Month	Arrival quantity (in lbs.)	Stocks quantity (in lbs.)
F.C.V.	July	16,000	Nil
	August	Nil	1,725,000
Gulla	July	Nil	Nil
	August	Nil	2,887,000
Natu	July	219,483	165,500
	August	399,831	523,000

[From data furnished by the Secretary, Krishna Market Committee, Vijayawada]

BIHAR STATE

Bhagwanpur Centre (June to August, 1957)

About 1,530,460 lbs. of tobacco were despatched by rail from Bhagwanpur, 628,472 lbs. from Sarai and 309,712 lbs. from Goraul during the period under report.

[From data furnished by Deputy Director of Agricultural Marketing, Bihar]

MADRAS STATE

(1) Coimbatore District (June to August, 1957)

Harvesting and curing of the old crop were completed by May, 1957. Raising of nurseries commenced by the end of June in certain parts of Madura and Coimbatore and seed beds were under preparation in Palladam taluk. During the month of August, sowings were almost finished.

The tobacco market continued to be dull during this period due to absence of demand. There was slight rise in price for pit-cured varieties.

The total exports of chewing and Cheroot varieties during the period under report came to 3.7 million lbs. and 0.2 million lbs. respectively.

Estimated stocks of tobacco in different centres in the district as on 31st August, 1957 were reported as under :—

Centres	Stocks of Chewing tobacco (in lbs.)	Stocks of Cheroot tobacco (in lbs.)	Centres	Stocks of Chewing tobacco (in lbs.)	Stocks of Cheroot tobacco (in lbs.)
1. Goppanurpudur ..	950,000	...	9. Nambiyur ..	100,000	..
2. Udamalpet ..	125,000	..	10. Puliampatty ..	400,000	..
3. Dharapuram ..	550,000	..	11. Sathyamangalam ..	625,000	..
4. Ammapatti ..	325,000	..	12. Coimbatore ..	140,000	135,000
5. Palladam ..	1,250,000	..	13. Erode ..	772,500	..
6. Karamadai ..	325,000	..			
7. Gobi ..	500,000	..	Total ..	6,262,100	135,000
8. Kurumandur ..	200,000	..			

[From data furnished by the Secretary, Coimbatore Market Committee, Tirupur]

(2) Tiruchirapalli District (July to September, 1957)

There was neither planting nor harvesting during the period under report.

The trade in cigar variety was reported to be dull. Increase in wages of the workers in Cheroot factories, the Cheroot trade too was dull and inactive. The arrivals of chewing variety were mostly from Gobichettipalayam and a little from Palni area in Madurai District.

About 4 lakhs, 2 lakhs and 1½ lakhs lbs. of cheroot, chewing and cigar tobaccos respectively were reported to be in stock by the end of September 1957.

[From data furnished by Assistant Marketing Officer, Cuddalore].

WEST BENGAL (July to August, 1957)

(1) 24 Parganas

Stocks of imported tobacco during the period were estimated at 84,050 lbs.

(2) Murshidabad and Nadia districts

No standing crop was in the field.

The imports of hookah and chewing varieties of tobacco into Khagra and Jiaganj markets during the period under report totalled 127,000 lbs. and 61,500 lbs. respectively. In Krishnagar market about 147,600 lbs. were imported during the same period. By the end of the period under report the growers' stocks were completely exhausted.

(3) Birbhum district (June and July, 1957)

During the period under report, about 475,026 lbs. of hookah and chewing tobaccos and 520,372 lbs. of bidi tobacco were reported to have been imported into the district. As regards exports 104,796 lbs. of hookah and chewing tobaccos and 121,360 lbs. of bidi tobacco were estimated to have been exported during the said period.

(4) Burdwan district

Imports of different varieties of tobacco into the district during the period under review totalled 861,000 lbs.

(5) Howrah and Hoogly district

About 179 acres have been brought under tobacco cultivation during the last season in the district. The stock position at the end of August 1957 was as follows :—

	Pounds
1. Bhadreswar (Telenipara) ..	12,300
2. Howrah town—Bidi tobacco ..	57,400
3. Do. Hookah tobacco ..	45,100
4. Do. Chewing tobacco ..	32,800

(6) Jalpaiguri district

The condition of the crop harvested during 1956-57 was good and the harvested crop was sold away by the growers to the local merchants at the assembling centres.

(7) Cooch-Bihar district

The entire production has been purchased by the local traders and ware-house owners. Grading of leaves continued throughout the period. Out of the total stock about 50% of the new tobacco have already been exported to other states as, Orissa, Bihar and Assam.

[From data furnished by Joint Director of Agricultural Marketing, West Bengal]

News and Notes

† WORLD EXPORT

According to United States Department of Agriculture, Free World exports of unmanufactured tobacco during the calendar year 1956 were at the record level of 1,412 million lbs.

*UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The first estimate of the current tobacco crop is placed at 1,661 million lbs. i.e., about 520 million lbs. less than in 1956 being the smallest crop since 1943. Likewise flue-cured tobacco production at 963 million lbs. accounts for a decline of 460 million lbs. from the previous year. The other varieties also show an appreciable reduction. The estimate for burley amounts to 490 million lbs. about 16 million lbs. less than the crop harvested last year. Fire-cured shows a reduction from 71 to 50 million lbs. while dark air-cured has fallen from 34 to 24 million lbs.

Exports of unmanufactured tobacco in the first four months of the current year totalled 119 million lbs. of which 91 million lbs. was flue-cured tobacco. This showed a decline of 14.3 million lbs. in the total exports over the corresponding figure for 1956. Exports to the United Kingdom the chief single destination totalled 23.0 million lbs. Among foreign markets, Western Germany was the most important which consumed 22.9 million lbs. of tobacco of America origin. In Asia, Indonesia, Thailand, Indo-China and Japan provide the main markets, consignments to these four countries amounting to 10.4 million lbs. which was about 2.9 million lbs. more than a year earlier.

@ Total United States exports for 1956 were 510 million lbs. being the world's largest exporter in 1956 contributing about 36% of the world's total exports of unmanufactured tobacco.

† FEDERATION OF RHODESIA AND NYASALAND

Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland exported about 165 million lbs. of unmanufactured tobacco during 1956.

*Exports of unmanufactured tobacco from the Federation in the first half of 1957 amounted to 56.4 million lbs. which were about 10.7 million lbs. more than in the corresponding period of 1956. Flue-cured tobacco alone accounted for seven-eighths of the total exports and dark fire-cured tobacco for most of the

remainder. The United Kingdom received about 35.2 million lbs. of the Federation's total exports which was nearly one-third more than a year earlier. Consignments to Australia and Union of South Africa amounted to 4.3 million lbs. and 3.6 million lbs. respectively.

*UNITED KINGDOM

During the first half of 1957, imports of unmanufactured tobacco totalled 95 million lbs. which were about 2.4 million lbs. less than those in the same period of 1956. During this period the Commonwealth countries together supplied 56.3 million lbs. of unmanufactured tobacco to the United Kingdom as against 44.0 million lbs. during the corresponding period of the previous year. On the other hand, consignments from the United States in the first half of the current year figured at 35.1 million lbs. which were 11.1 million lbs. less than in the same period of 1956.

Total imports of unmanufactured tobacco into U.K. during July 1956 to June 1957 reached 316 million lbs. as against 345 million lbs. in the previous twelve months and 327 million lbs. in 1954-55. The corresponding figures for flue-cured tobacco were 295 million lbs. 318 million lbs. and 295 million lbs. respectively.

Imports of cigars in the first half of the current year were 154 thousand lbs. as compared to 142 thousand lbs. and 122 thousand lbs. during the corresponding period of 1956 and 1955 respectively. For the period January to June 1957, imports of cigarettes into U.K. reached 186,000 lbs. about 15,000 lbs. more than during the same period of 1956.

Exports of cigarettes during the first half of 1957 came to 18.6 million lbs. which were about 1.9 million lbs. less than during the same period of 1956.

*TURKEY

Exports of unmanufactured tobacco in the first six months of 1957 reached 124 million lbs. about 23 million lbs. more than in the same period of last year. This rise was mainly accounted for by the expansion in shipments to the United States which at 57 million lbs. amounted to nearly one half of the total exports from Turkey and were 16 million lbs. more than in January-June 1956 period. Consignments to Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union also rose by 6.1 million lbs. to nearly 38 million lbs. which is about 30 per cent of the total.

*GREECE

The area under tobacco during 1957 is provisionally estimated at over 300 thousand acres which is about 3% more than in 1956. Weather conditions have so far proved favourable and a harvest of 190 million lbs. is forecast.

Exports of tobacco in the first half of the current year totalled 60.6 million lbs. which were twice as great as in the same period of last year. Shipments to Western Germany amounted to 15.8 million lbs. which showed a marked increase of 7.5 million lbs. Similarly exports to United States, the other main market, rose by 4.7 million lbs. to 11.8 million lbs. Consignments to many other countries also showed increase, in some cases being several times as great as that of the previous year. Exports to the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, in particular, accounted for a total of 11.5 million lbs. as against 4.2 million lbs. during the same period of last year. To Soviet Union alone, Greece exported about 6.7 million lbs. being over three times as heavy as in the first half of 1956.

†Greece will export leaf tobacco to the Netherlands under a recently extended and modified trade pact between those two countries. The new agreement runs until 31st January 1958.

Greece's leaf tobacco export to the Netherlands during the past three years averaged 715,000 lbs.

*CANADA

Exports of unmanufactured tobacco rose from 19.4 million lbs. in the first four months of 1956 to 24.4 million lbs. during the same period of 1957. Flue-cured tobacco alone accounted for about 23.6 million lbs. Total exports to United Kingdom alone amounted to 20.6 million lbs.

*PAKISTAN

Production of tobacco has been rising sharply in recent years reaching a postwar record of 284 million lbs. in 1954-55. According to unofficial estimate, the production of tobacco in 1955-56 is placed at 202 million lbs. At the time of partition, East Bengal was the chief tobacco growing area of the country but since then the main expansion in tobacco acreage has been in the former provinces of North-West Frontier and Punjab.

Imports of unmanufactured tobacco in 1956 were 2.8 million lbs. only. Consignments

from the United States have shown a steady expansion and in 1956 accounted for practically the total amount imported. Imports from India on the other hand are almost nil since 1955.

Exports of unmanufactured tobacco in 1956 amounted to 290 thousand lbs. of which 82 thousand lbs. went to Portuguese provinces in India, 75 thousand lbs. to the Netherlands and 42 thousand lbs. to Ceylon.

It is understood that a large number of bidi manufacturers' associations in the country have joined together to form a Federation of such associations for co-ordinating their activities. The idea is to effectively bring home to the Government that the policy of issuing bidi leaves through ration cards will be detrimental to the interests of the small bidi manufacturers and of the workmen employed by them as it would neither save any foreign exchange nor will it bring down the price of bidi leaves. On the other hand the new policy is likely to encourage the illegal trade in foreign exchange by further encouraging the smuggling of bidi leaves into Pakistan.

@ SOUTH AFRICA

It is reported that consumption of tobacco has been increasing at the rate of about 1 million lb. a year. Although the estimated production for 1956-57 is approximately 12.5 million lbs. more than last year, South Africa has decided to import a record quantity of 20 million lbs. of duty free tobacco from the Rhodesia during the 1956-57 season.

*AUSTRALIA

Imports of unmanufactured tobacco during the fiscal year July 1956 to June 1957 totalled 40.8 million lbs. which were about 5.0 million lbs. less than the record figure reached in 1955-56. United States exported about 28.3 million lbs. during the period to Australia. Shipments from the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland and Canada came to 10.2 million lbs. and 1.7 million lbs. respectively.

§ CHINA

Communist China has shown a liking for tobacco from Greece. Chinese officials have notified Athens that they would like to buy more Greek leaf tobacco and that their new purchases would amount to about 11 million lbs. This would be in exchange for goods from China.

§ NEW ZEALAND

While total production of tobacco in the country has not changed significantly since the end of the war, average yields per acre have risen. The 1955-56 yield was 1,509 lbs. per acre, the best on record. The year 1955-56 was the best season for New Zealand's growers as far as prices were concerned.

@ NETHERLANDS

According to the Central Statistical Office at the Hague, consumption of cigar per head was 100 in 1956, 98 in 1955 and 190 in 1939. But cigarette consumption has doubled since the war, the figures being 600 per head in 1939, 1,100 in 1955 and 1200 in 1956. As in almost every other country in the world, pipe tobacco is being smoked less in Holland. Figures per head were 1.6 lbs. in 1956, 2 lbs. in 1954 and 2.9 lbs. in 1939.

@ SWITZERLAND

A questionnaire among Swissmen and women doctors over 30 years of age has produced some interesting figures. The first one is that 61 per cent of the men and 23 per cent of the women were habitual smokers and that 38.5 per cent of the men and 9 per cent of the women smoked more than 20 cigarettes daily. Of the smokers, 99 per cent of women and 60 per cent of the men smoked cigarettes only. Inhaling was practised by 47 per cent of smokers. Filters were used by 48 per cent of men and by 68 per cent of women smokers.

No difference in smoking habits was noticed between country and town doctors. After the age of 35, 40 per cent of smokers reduced their consumption and 15 per cent of these reductions were made since 1952.

Only 7 per cent were non-smokers by conviction and most were non-smokers for physical reasons.

*SPAIN

Imports of unmanufactured tobacco into Spain in 1956 amounted to 46 million lbs. which were about 5 million lbs. less than in the previous year and 3 millions lbs. below the annual average for the period 1950-55. Shipments from the Philippines, however rose sharply from 11.5 million lbs. in 1955 to 20.9 million lbs. accounting for nearly one-half of the total, while those from Cuba continued their steady expansion to a peak figure of 11.4 million lbs. Consignments from Brazil on

the other hand dropped sharply to 4.4 million lbs. in 1956 from 11.8 million lbs. which was for the year 1955. Likewise the Dominican Republic supplied only 3.6 million lbs. during 1956 as compared to 11.6 million lbs. during the previous year.

@ FRANCE

According to the French State Tobacco Monopoly statements about cigarette smoking and cancer seem to have had no effect in France. The French smoked 39,000 million cigarettes in 1956, an increase of about 2,000 million on 1955, although prices were raised. The consumption of cigars also went up from 117 millions to 146 millions.

‡ PHILIPPINES

Estimated consumption of cigarettes in the Philippine Republic during 1956 was 15.6 billion pieces an increase of 0.3 billion over consumption in 1955. Approximately 11.6 billion pieces of the cigarettes consumed in 1956 were virginia type.

Cigarette consumption in 1957 is forecast at 16.1 billion pieces. Cigar consumption will probably remain about the same as in 1956 about 80 million pieces, while consumption of chewing and smoking tobacco is expected to decline.

‡ INDONESIA

The United States Department of Agriculture announced issuance of authorisations to Indonesia to finance purchase from U.S. suppliers of upto 4 million dollars worth of tobacco. The authorisation provides for the purchase of approximately 6.5 million lbs. of unmanufactured tobacco. The tobacco to be exported must have been produced in the continental United States or Puerto Rico in 1956 or prior years.

@ GHANA

Excise duties are to be imposed on locally manufactured tobacco, cigars and cigarettes. The duties will be charged at graded rates of 30, 40 and 50 per cent of selling price.

‡ PORTUGAL

Output of cigarettes in Portugal increased from an annual average of 6.5 million lbs. to 9.8 million lbs. in the five year period since 1951. The figure is expected to reach 10 million lbs. in 1957. At the same time, the output of cut-tobacco has declined by almost two-thirds over the corresponding period.

Sources : * Tobacco Intelligence—August 1957.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India—Import Trade Control

Public Notice No. 51-I.T.C. (P.H.)/57

NEW DELHI, THE 18TH JULY 1957

[Subject :—Re-importation into India of samples of Indian Origin sent abroad or brought over by Indian businessmen.]

Attention is invited to para 3 of Public Notice No. 30-I.T.C. (P.N.)/57, dated the 6th April 1957, wherein it has been stated that application for import licences for the re-importation of samples of Indian goods sent abroad should be accompanied by the recommendation of Indian Trade Mission in the foreign country concerned and that applicants should comply with Income-tax Verification Certificate and licence fee requirements.

2. The matter has been re-examined and it has been decided that the businessmen applying for import licences for re-importation of samples of Indian goods sent abroad need not produce certificate from the Indian Trade Mission abroad but instead should produce evidence to show at the samples which were taken over or sent to foreign country are being re-imported.

3. In cases other than those of tourists returning from abroad, the applicants are required to comply with Income-tax Verification and Licence Fee Regulations. It has been further decided that even in such cases requirement of Income-tax Verification will also be dispensed with if the re-importation takes place within three years of export. No licence fee will be charged.

(Sd.) S. N. BILGRAMI,
Joint Secretary to the
Government of India.

TRADE AGREEMENT

The Trade Agreement between India and Indonesia has been further extended for a period of 6 months upto 31-12-1957. The schedule of exports from India to Indonesia includes Tobacco."

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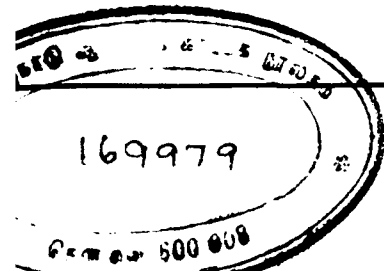
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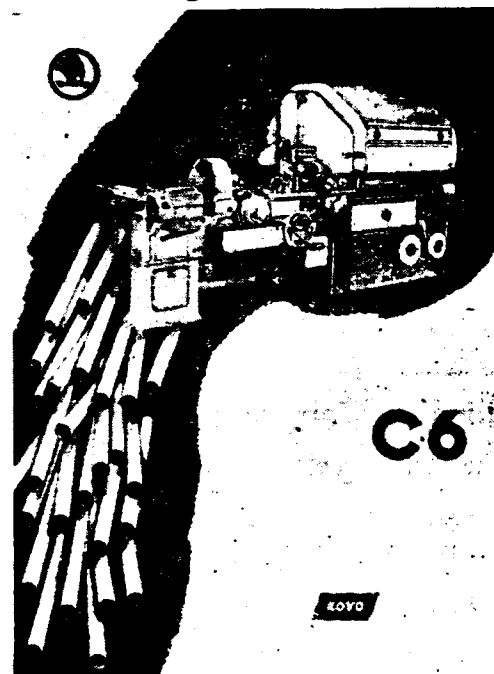
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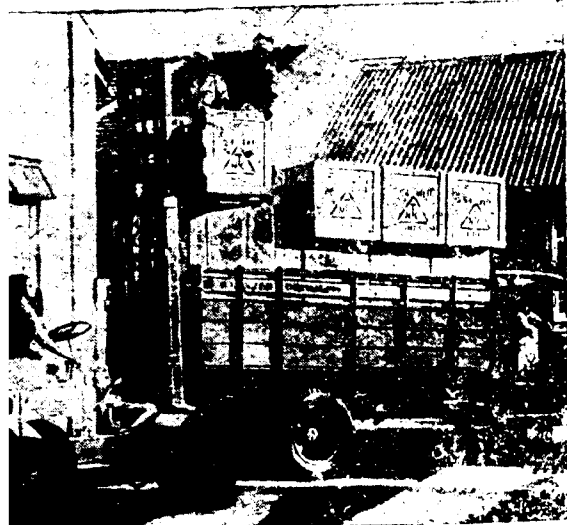
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