

Export of Groundnuts and Oil Cakes

*882 Shri N. R. Munimany: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government had announced an export quota of 10,000 tons of expeller groundnuts oil cakes; and

(b) if so, what is the expected foreign exchange to be earned?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) About Rs. 40 lakhs

Rubber Prices

*883. { Shri A. K. Gopalan:
Shri Kunhan:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rubber Board have requested Government for increase in the price of raw rubber; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken on the request?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) and (b) The Rubber Board have recommended that the Tariff Commission should undertake an investigation into the prices of rubber on account of increased production costs. Further details and data have been sought from the Board in this connection

Metals

*884. { Shri H. N. Mukerjee:
Shri Muhammed Elias:
Shri Prabhat Kar:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to lay a statement on the Table showing:

(a) Our annual production of aluminium, copper, zinc and lead as on 1st April, 1958;

(b) our present consumption needs in regard to such metals; and

(c) what will be the shortfall, if any, in our production on completion of the Second Five Year Plan?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House [See Appendix III, annexure No. 114.]

कानपुर में कपड़े की मिलों का बंद होना

*885. श्री जगदीश प्रबन्धी : क्या वाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कानपुर की कुछ नयी सूती कपड़ा मिलों के प्रबन्धकों ने अपनी मिलें बन्द करने के लिये सरकार से आवश्यक अनुमति देने की प्रार्थना की है, और

(ख) यदि हा, तो सरकार इस सबब से क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री कानूनगो) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

Indians Employed in U.N. Secretariat

*886. { Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Wodeyar:
Shri Bhakt Darshan:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of Indian nationals employed in the United Nations Headquarters is low; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): (a) and (b). The number of Indians employed in the United Nations Secretariat has been low in the past.

particularly in the higher grades. There has been some improvement in recent years. Government have been giving their constant attention to the question of the employment of Indians in adequate number in the different grades in the U.N. Secretariat.

Electrical Switch Gears and Control Gears

*887 Shri Ram Krishan: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme for the manufacture of electrical switch gear and control gear by a Bombay firm in collaboration with a firm of Denmark has been finalised, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) M/s Larsen and Toubro Limited, Bombay have been granted a licence in September, 1958 under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951 for effecting a substantial expansion to their existing industrial undertaking at Powai, Bombay, for taking up the manufacture of motor starters, switches, fuse gear etc, in collaboration with M/s Laur Knudsen of Copenhagen, Denmark

Lime-stone Deposits at Purulia (W. Bengal)

*888 Shri Aurobindo Ghosal: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state

(a) whether the quantity and quality of lime-stone deposits of Purulia, West Bengal have been surveyed, and

(b) if so, whether a cement industry can be started there?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The quality of lime-stones available in the Purulia District is considered to be unsuitable

for the manufacture of Portland Cement

Strike in Press Trust of India

*889. { Shri Tangamani:
Shri Hem Barua:
Shri Goray:
Shri Rajendra Singh:
Shri Narayanankutty Menon:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether employees in Press Trust of India had decided to go on strike for 48 hours from the 8th December, 1958;

(b) if so, the demands of the employees;

(c) the nature of representation made by the Federation of Press Trust of India employees; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) to (d) The strike did not take place in view of a settlement arrived at between the management and the federation on the issue of interim relief

Automobile Industry

1282 Shri D. C Sharma: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the present percentage of indigenous content reached in respect of the different vehicles by the various manufacturers of automobiles?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): The percentages of indigenous content in different (main models of) vehicles manufactured in the country, as in April, 1958, are given below.—

Cars

Hindustan Ambassador	60%
Fiat '1100'	37%
Standard Vanguard	33%
Standard '10'	30%