

selected. The matter was considered by the Education Ministry and the Ministry of Home Affairs. At a departmental meeting, in consultation with the Ministry of External Affairs, the Education Ministry and the Ministry of Home Affairs, they decided about these quotas. The figures are here. Should they all be read out?

**Mr. Speaker:** They need not be read.

### Scientific Instruments

\*237. **Shri Bahadur Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to promote the manufacture of scientific instruments;

(b) whether Government have made any assessment about the requirements of the country of the scientific instruments; and

(c) whether Government contemplate to appoint any Committee for the classification of instruments for the benefit of the consumers, manufacturers and the traders?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) to (c). A Statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 15.]

**Shri Bahadur Singh:** May I know if any request has been made by the All-India Instruments Manufacturers' and Dealers' Association for monetary help from the Government to give aid to them?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** Yes, Sir. A deputation came and recently met me and we have assured them of all assistance.

**Pandit D. N. Tiwari:** In the statement, one of the items given is the "appointment of Extension Service Centres for the small-scale sector". May I know whether any extension centres have been opened and, if so, where, and whether foreign experts have been called for this work?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** They are really multi-purpose centres and there

are about 12 such centres in all parts of India. About half a dozen foreign experts are attached to them.

**Shri Keshava:** May I know whether in addition to the component parts of telephone instruments, the Telephone Factory at Bangalore is also manufacturing some scientific precision instruments?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** This question of course is not relevant to the main question tabled on the Order Paper. But I might say that we are also trying to develop, as ancillary to the mechanical engineering factories in the public sector, certain manufactures of precision instruments.

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:** May I know whether the ordnance factory at Dehra Dun will also be utilised for the purpose of manufacturing all such instruments?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** For the present there is no such idea.

### Publicity Literature

\*238. **Shri H. C. Mathur:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the informative literature which has been brought out by the External Affairs Ministry and various Indian Embassies abroad during the last one year; and

(b) the Ministry's scheme for the distribution of such literature?

**The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon):** (a) A list of the publications brought out during the last one year by the Ministry and by the Indian Missions abroad is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No 16.]

In addition to these publications, a number of Missions publish periodical publications in the language of the country. On the Republic Day special publications are issued.

(b) The publications issued by the Ministry are distributed through the