

## PLYWOOD PRODUCTS

\*1165. **Shri Ajit Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state what steps are being taken by the Government to remove the defects complained of in Indian plywood products?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar):** I presume the hon. Member is referring to plywood tea chests.

A statement giving the information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 21].

## BICYCLES

\*1166. **Shri Balakrishnan:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cycle manufacturing factories and cycle assembling factories in India; and

(b) their out-put annually?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** (a) There are six organised factories manufacturing complete bicycles.

(b) About 1.97 lakhs bicycles were manufactured in 1952, 2.64 lakhs in 1953 and 1.63 lakhs between January and June 1954.

## WORK-CHARGED STAFF OF C.P.W.D.

\*1171. **Shri A. K. Gopalan:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Expensive Locality Allowance is not being given to the work-charged staff of the Central Public Works Department at Mandapam Camp though staff of other Departments stationed there are being paid the allowance; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

**The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Sardar Swaran Singh):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The conditions of service of work-charged staff are not identical with those of Regular establishment.

## SINO-INDIAN TREATY ON TIBET

\*1172. **Shri Wodeyar:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the trade between India and China has dwindled subsequent to the signing of the Sino-Indian Treaty on Tibet; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the Indian merchants trading with Tibet have been hit hard by the said Treaty?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar):** (a) The Sino-Indian agreement on Tibet has no direct bearing on the volume of trade between India and China.

(b) No, Sir.

## RURAL HOUSING

\*1175. **Shri N. Rachiah:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent so far under Rural Housing for Agricultural and landless workers in the Community Project area in Mysore State; and

(b) the number of houses which have been built so far in the said area?

**The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra):** (a) Rs. 65,100 up to 31.8.54.

(b) 217 houses have so far been built or improved.

## SLUM CLEARANCE

\*1178. **Th. Jugal Kishore Sinha:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state whether Government have now finalised any scheme for clearing the slums of the industrial areas?

**The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Sardar Swaran Singh):** Not yet, Sir.