

purchased both by the displaced persons and the general public.

(d) 54 Job Printing Presses have been manufactured out of which 51 have been sold. 8 Hand Oil Expellers have been manufactured out of which 5 have been sold. 10 Plastic Injecting Machines have been manufactured out of which 2 have been sold. 8 Power Oil Expellers have been manufactured but none has yet been sold.

(e) 579 displaced persons have completed their training at the Arab-ki-Sarai Centre, 2,834 at Nilokheri and 77 at Fulia. Of these about 3,200 have been able to secure employment.

#### TRAINING OF LABOUR INSPECTORS

\*931. **Shri Ganpati Ram:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India have decided to send all labour inspectors for training at Calcutta University; and

(b) if so, the total number and whether some inspectors have already attended a special course?

**The Minister of Labour (Shri V. V. Giri):** (a) It is the intention of Government to send gradually all Labour Inspectors to attend the Social Work Course conducted by the Calcutta University.

(b) Out of the sanctioned strength of 52 Labour Inspectors under the Ministry of Labour, 48 are in position. Of these, 32 have already attended the Course.

#### CLOSURE OF LOOMS IN JUTE MILLS

\*932. **Shri Tushar Chatterjee:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) how the workers' pay has been affected by the 12½ per cent closure of looms in Jute Mills;

(b) how many workers have been thrown out of employment as a result of this closure of looms; and

(c) the step Government have taken to protect the economic interest of the affected jute workers?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** (a) to (c). The closure of looms did not affect the wages of the generality of workers (about 3 lakhs in number). It led to the retrenchment of only 475 permanent workers who were paid involuntary unemployment benefits, i.e.,

50 per cent. of the basic wages, 50 per cent. of Dearness allowance and Rs. 2 or in lieu thereof food at concession rates each week. The retrenched workers were subsequently absorbed in the mills.

#### TIBETAN WOOL

\*933. **Shri Bhaktā Darshan:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to some recent press-reports that almost all the wool available in Tibet is being reserved for export to China exclusively;

(b) whether Government are aware that large quantities of Tibetan wool are imported into India every year through the Himalayan passes in the districts of Almora, Garhwal and Tehri-Garhwal of Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) whether Government have under consideration any steps, by which the imports of Tibetan wool into India through these and other Himalayan passes may continue regularly in future?

**The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmakar):** (a) The Government of India have seen reports that the bulk of Tibetan wool is being sold to China.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

#### RADIO STATIONS IN MADHYA BHARAT

\*934. **Shri Suriya Prasad:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are going to establish radio stations in Madhya Bharat State; and

(b) if so, when and where?

**The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar):** (a) and (b). Yes; provision has been made in All India Radio's Five Year Development Plan for Broadcasting Stations at Indore and Gwalior. It is difficult to give an exact date but it is expected that it will be possible to establish these Stations by 1955-56.

#### MICA ORE

\*935. **Shri Dhulekar:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of mica ore produced in the country during the last years and the value thereof in rupees;