

The Minister of Industries (Shri Kanungo) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. Not according to the information we have.

Russian Steel Plant

*748. **Shri Krishnacharya Joshi :** Will the Minister of Iron and Steel be pleased to state whether the Prime Minister in his recent visit of U.S.S.R. discussed with the Russian authorities the details regarding the Steel Plant proposed to be set up in India with Russian aid?

The Minister of Industries (Shri Kanungo) : No, Sir.

स्लीपर

*७५०. { श्री रघुनाथ सिंह :
श्री पी० न० राजभोज :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि काश्मीर में अखनूर में चिनाब नदी के किनारे विभिन्न स्थानों पर जो एक लाख पचास हजार स्लीपर पड़े हुये थे वे नदी में बह कर पाकिस्तान पहुंच गये; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो ऐसे कितने स्लीपर पाकिस्तान से वापिस मिल गये हैं ?

बैद्यिक कार्य मंत्री के सहायक (श्री साबत अली खान) : (क) यह अनुमान किया जाता है कि सितम्बर, १९५४ और मई, १९५५ में भारी बाढ़ के कारण, लगभग डेढ़ लाख स्लीपर, चिनाब नदी में बह कर पाकिस्तान पहुंच गये ।

(ख) पाकिस्तान से कोई स्लीपर वापिस नहीं मिले हैं ।

Textile Industry

*751. **Shri K. G. Deshmukh :** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state :

(a) whether an all India survey of the textile industries, including an inquiry into the working of the uneconomic units, would be launched shortly; and

(b) whether it is a fact that a special Bureau is being set up for this purpose

The Minister of Industries (Shri Kanungo) : (a) A survey has been undertaken of Textile mills in the country primarily with a view to ascertaining the state of the machinery in use. It is expected that information in regard to related facts will also be collected.

(b) No special Bureau has been set up though additional staff has been engaged for the purpose.

Soda Ash Plant

*752. **Shri K. P. Sinha :** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 413 on the 26th November, 1954, and state how far the proposal to establish a Soda Ash Plant in Saurashtra has materialised?

The Minister of Industries (Shri Kanungo) : A licence has been issued in March 1955 for establishing a Soda Ash plant, with capacity of 200 tons per day, at Porbandar in Saurashtra. It is understood that effective steps are to be taken by the firm concerned by September 1955.

Radio Industry

*756. **Shri Jethalal Joshi :** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made by the Radio Industry in India so far; and

(b) the total number of radio sets produced during 1954-55?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar) : (a) The Radio Industry in India is entirely a post-war development and is left to the private sector. In 1947, there were only two factories assembling radio receivers with a capacity of 8000 sets a year. There are at present, however, 15 such organised units with a capacity of 1,38,100 sets per annum, though the manufacturers claim that their capacity is about 2,67,800 sets a year. The actual production of radio receivers has increased from 3033 sets in 1947 to 56,603 in 1954;

(b) 57,077 radio sets were produced during 1954-55.

Porcelain Teeth

*760. **Th. Jugal Kishore Sinha :** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state :

(a) the total value of porcelain teeth imported during the last two years ;