

**Allotment of Newsprint for "Maharashtra Times"**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that "Maharashtra Times", a new Marathi daily, was to be published from Bombay by the "Times of India" publications;

(b) if so, whether the publication was held up due to inadequate supply of newsprint quota; and

(c) the regular quota of newsprint which is allotted to journals in India?

**The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A request for allotment of newsprint was made by the "Times of India" publications and the allotment was given to them in accordance with the general policy in force. The allotment was then regarded as insufficient by the publishers.

(c) The regular quota of newsprint for a daily newspaper, or periodical is worked out on the basis of the page-area, average number of pages published in 1957 or the subsequent year in which the daily newspaper or periodical actually started publication, regularity of publication and its circulation during 1961.

**Survey by Chinese Government of Southern Slopes of Himalayas**

3158. Shri Inder J. Malhotra: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been brought to the notice of the Government of India that Chinese Government claim to have conducted a survey of natural resources on the southern slopes of Himalayas;

(b) whether any such survey was conducted within the boundaries of Sikkim and Bhutan; and

(c) what steps Government of India have taken in this respect?

**The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** (a) The Government of India's attention has been drawn to some newspaper reports and radio broadcasts stating that the Institute of Botany and Medical Research of the Chinese Academy of Sciences has conducted such preliminary surveys in Tibetan highlands. But there is no information to show that the Chinese have conducted any survey of natural resources on the southern slopes of Himalaya.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

**Survey of Unemployment in Bihar**

3159. Shri P. R. Chakraverti: Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any survey of unemployment and under-employment in the State of Bihar for the period ending 31st March, 1962;

(b) whether Government propose to ease the situation caused by intense density of population augmented all the more each year;

(c) whether Government received any proposal from the State Government of Bihar suggesting the absorption of agricultural population in the neighbouring States of Madhya Pradesh and Orissa; and

(d) if so, whether Government have made any recommendation to Dandakaranya authority who have reclaimed considerable land for settlement of people?

**The Minister of Labour in the Ministry of Labour and Employment (Shri Nathi):** (a) No.

(b) Various development schemes under the Five Year Plans are creating employment opportunities for relieving unemployment and under-