

AUTONOMOUS CORPORATIONS

312. **Shri Sinhasan Singh:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of autonomous corporations that have been set up by Government since the 15th August, 1947;

(b) the amount of money, if any, that has been invested by Government and private agencies;

(c) the method of electing directors of these corporations and necessary qualifications required for being so elected or nominated;

(d) to whom the directors of these corporations are responsible; and

(e) how they can be removed and by whom?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): Presumably the hon. Member desires to have information in respect of State undertakings organised into private limited companies as well as autonomous corporations. The information is being collected from various Ministries concerned and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

HANDLOOM FABRICS

313. **Shri Anirudha Sinha:** (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the quantity and value of handloom fabrics exported yearly since 1948 upto June 1953 showing the countries to which exports were made?

(b) What steps, if any, have Government taken through trade representatives abroad to popularise handloom fabrics?

(c) What kind of handloom fabrics are in greater demand in foreign countries?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) Statement is attached. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 68.]

(b) Sanction has been given for setting up an external marketing organisation for increasing sales of handloom cloth in foreign markets. Officers will be appointed at Colombo, Bagdad, Rangoon and Singapore and will act as a liaison between the Indian exporters and the overseas importers. It is also proposed to open emporia for handloom cloth at Colombo, Rangoon, Singapore, Chittagong, Aden and Bangkok. India Government Trade Commissioners have been asked to open show windows for displaying samples which are supplied through the Textile Commissioner and also effect sales of such samples where necessary.

(c) Lungies, Sarongs, Gamchas, Furnishing fabrics, Bed covers, Table cloth, Napkins, Dusters, Tapestry cloth, Voiles, grey and bleached shirting, Bed spreads, curtains, Towels and Towelling cloth, Ghingham, Rugs, Madras Handkerchiefs and Kinkhabs.

A. I. R. RURAL PROGRAMMES

314. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) what are the dialects that are covered by A.I.R. in its rural programmes;

(b) whether it is proposed to cover more dialects in future in these programmes; and

(c) if so, what are the additional dialects that are proposed to be included?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) to (c). A statement giving the information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 69.]

अथवा

३१५. सेठ गोविन्द दास : क्या खासिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि १९५२-५३ में निम्न वस्तुओं की: