

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): A statement is attached. [See Appendix VIII, annexure 33.]

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE FOR HANDICRAFTS

396. Shri S. N. Das: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed Development Committee has been constituted and funds placed at its disposal by Government to enable the All-India Handicrafts Board to execute important development projects directly; and

(b) if so, the constitution and precise function of the Committee and the amount placed at its disposal so far?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):

(a) and (b). The work connected with development projects has been entrusted directly to the Executive Committee of the All India Handicrafts Board. A Personal Ledger Account has been opened in the name of the Secretary, All India Handicrafts Board for incurring expenditure on schemes approved by Government for the development of Handicrafts. The Personal Ledger Account has been credited with Rs. 20,000 to start with and is to be recouped at the beginning of each month.

ENCOURAGEMENT OF HANDICRAFT PRODUCTS

397. Shri Telkikar: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the answer to the starred question No. 50 asked on the 3rd August, 1953 and state the names of the States that have actually got the Government Houses and State buildings fitted with the products of Handicrafts according to the recommendation made by the All-India Handicrafts Board?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): It is understood that in all States, handicraft and cottage industries products are being purchased for use in Government Houses and other State buildings.

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398. Shri Elayaperumal: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state how many Scheduled Caste persons are employed at present in Delhi, Madras and Trichinopoly A.I.R. stations?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): Delhi Station of All India Radio 14, Madras Station of All India Radio 23, Tiruchi Station of All India Radio 6.

LOW COST HOUSING EXHIBITION

399. Shri B. K. Patel: Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) the total expenditure on Low Cost Housing Exhibition incurred by the Central Government;

(b) the total income accrued out of sale of entry tickets and fees from various stalls and other sources; and

(c) the total number of visitors to the Exhibition?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) The Exhibition was closed only on the 31st March, 1954 and the accounts have not yet been finalised. The expenditure, it is estimated, will be about Rs. 8.7 lakhs.

(b) Rs. 3.5 lakhs.

(c) Approximately 4 lakhs.