

Radio Sets

549. Chaudhuri Muhammed Shafiq: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state :

(a) the number of radio sets manufactured in India since the 1st January 1955;

(b) the total amount spent on their manufacture; and

(c) the price at which they are available?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar) : (a) 28,428 sets, upto May, 1955.

(b) The information is not available with Government.

(c) The price of inexpensive sets is about Rs. 15 0/-.

Diplomatic Enclaves

550. Chaudhuri Muhammed Shafiq: Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Diplomatic Missions who have built their own buildings on the plots purchased by them in the Diplomatic Enclave in New Delhi;

(b) the number of the Diplomatic Missions who have not purchased plots; and

(c) the number of persons, other than Diplomatic Missions, who have bought plots and built their own buildings there?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) Five.

(b) Twenty Eight.

(c) Forty Nine.

Pashmina wool

551. Shri Hem Raj: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of *Pashmina* wool exported this year (upto the end of June) by the different States and the price fetched there for; and

(b) whether its export will be allowed in the year 1955-56?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry and Iron and Steel (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari) : (a) 15,152 lbs. have been exported only from the Punjab

State. Information regarding the value thereof is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House as soon as possible.

(b) 3,500 maunds (287,00 lbs. approximately) of *Pashmina* wool have already been allowed for export during this year.

Compensation to Displaced Persons

552. Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad : Will the Minister of Rehabilitation be pleased to state :

(a) whether the final scheme for the payment of compensation to the displaced persons from West Pakistan has been drawn up; and

(b) if so, the nature of the facilities proposed to be given to those who owned a rural house or shop or land in West Pakistan?

The Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna) : (a) Yes.

(b) The facilities provided to the rural claimants under the Final Compensation Scheme are embodied in rules No. 44 to 69 and rule 97 of the Displaced Persons (Compensation and Rehabilitation) Rules, 1955. Copies of the rules were placed on the Table of the House on the 16th August 1955.

Indians Abroad

553. Shri Matthen : Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons of Indian origin in Ceylon, Malaya and Pakistan who have acquired local nationality during the last six years; and

(b) the number of persons of Indian origin in these countries who have applied for local nationality but have failed to acquire the same?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru) : (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be placed in due course on the Table of the House.

Strike in Film Studios

554. Sardar Iqbal Singh : Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state :

(a) whether there was any strike recently in the different film studios of Bombay organised by the Junior Cine Artists' Association;

(b) if so, the causes the strike; and

(c) whether the Minimum Wages Act is applicable to this category of workers?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) and (b). Government are not aware of any strike organised by the Union Cine Artistes' Association in the different film studio in Bombay. It is understood, however, that the Association observed a "Demands Day" on the 10th June, 1955 when it organised a procession and demonstrated in front of various film studios with a view to focussing the attention of the producers on their demands, namely, recognition of the organisation, timely payment of wages, revision of wage scales and recruitment of studio employees through agents sponsored by the Association.

(c) No. Sir.

लेखन सामग्री

५५५. श्री के० सी० सोबिया : क्या निर्माण, आवास और सभरण मंत्री यह बतान की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) १९५४-५५ में केन्द्रीय लेखन सामग्री कार्यालय ने कितने प्रतिशत लेखन सामग्री स्थानीय रूप से खरीदी है तथा कितने प्रतिशत विदेशों से आयात की है ;

(ख) स्थानीय क्रय तथा आयात किस प्रकार किया है ; और

(ग) विदेशी सामग्री के क्रय में कमी करने के लिये क्या उपाय किये गये हैं ?

निर्माण आवास और सभरण मंत्री (सरदार स्वर्ण सिंह): (क) कागज तथा अन्य लेखन सामग्री :—

भारत में खरीदी गई ६८ प्रतिशत
आयात की गई २ प्रतिशत

इन आंकड़ों में टाइपराइटर, डुप्लीकेटर आदि जैसी मशीनों की खरीद शामिल नहीं है ।

(ख) भारत में खरीदारी प्रतियोगिक (competitive) टेन्डरों (tenders) के आधार पर की जाती है । विदेशों में खरीदारी करने के लिये मांग इंडिया स्टोर डिपार्ट-

मेन्ट, लन्दन या इंडिया सप्लाइ मिशन वाशिंगटन को भेज दी जाती है ।

(ग) कोशिश यही रही है कि जहाँ तक हो अपने देश में बनी हुई चीजें ही खरीदी जायें । केवल उन्हीं चीजों का आयात किया जाता है जो या तो उचित प्रकार की श्रमवा पूरी मात्रा में यहाँ नहीं मिल पाती हैं ।

अस्पृश्यता सम्बन्धी बातियाँ

५५६. श्रीमती अनुसूयाबाई बोरकर : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) १९५४-५५ में आकाशवाणी के देहाती कार्यक्रमों में अस्पृश्यता की प्रथा के विरुद्ध कितनी बातियाँ तथा गाने प्रसारित किये गये हैं ;

(ख) कितने व्यक्तियों ने इनमें भाग लिया ; और

(ग) उन में हरिजन कितने थे ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (डा० केशकर): (क) और (ख). सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और यथा समय सभा की मेज पर रख दी जायेगी ।

(ग) सूचना उपलब्ध नहीं है क्योंकि अखिल भारतीय रेडियो केन्द्रों में, कार्यक्रम में भाग लेने वालों की सूची जाति के हिसाब से नहीं रखी जाती है ।

M.R.A. Mission

557. **Shri N. B. Chowdhury:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a Mission of M. R. A. is touring this country in the U. S. military aircraft ; and

(b) if so, whether prior permission of Government was obtained for this purpose?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) and (b). Yes. A request for the clearance of three U.S. military aircraft carrying civilian passenger