

(d) the number of Associations and other Organisations which received recognition during the year 1955-56; and

(e) the number of applications pending at present for consideration?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry and Iron and Steel (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** (a) to (e). A statement is attached. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 42].

#### DEMARICATION OF BOUNDARY

857. { **Shri Ram Dass :**  
**Shri B. S. Murthy :**

Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state the mileage of Indo-Pakistan border line demarcated but on which boundary posts have not been fixed?

**The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** Out of a total length of about 1,503 miles of the Indo-Pakistan border in the Western Zone (excluding Jammu and Kashmir sector), 779 miles have not been demarcated with pillars so far.

Out of a total length of about 2,463 miles of the Indo-Pakistan border in the Eastern Zone, about 1,492 miles have not been demarcated with pillars so far.

A.I.R.

858. **Shri S. V. L. Narasimham :** Will the **Minister of Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state :

(a) the procedure followed to inform artistes about the engagements offered to them; and

(b) whether there have been instances in All India Radio, Vijayawada of the contract of engagements being cancelled on the ground that they have not replied in time?

**The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar):** (a) Contracts are ordinarily issued to artistes sufficiently in advance so that the necessary information might be got published in the programme journals. Reminders are sent if acceptances are not received in time, and substitute arrangements are made only when

the time-limit for sending material to the programme journals is about to expire.

(b) Two instances have recently occurred where apparently the artistes did not receive the contracts through post, but these artistes were given substitute programmes later.

A.I.R.

859. **Shri S. V. L. Narasimham :** Will the **Minister of Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state :

(a) whether any representations have been received for change of the time signal tune;

(b) whether any suggestions have been received as to the change;

(c) if so, the decision taken on the representations and the suggestions?

**The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar):** (a) No.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

#### A.I.R. PANEL OF MUSIC AUDITION BOARD

860. **Shri S. V. L. Narasimham :** Will the **Minister of Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state :

(a) the number of sittings every year of the Panel of Music Audition Board constituted for securing and grading of artistes at Vijayawada;

(b) the time allowed per notice of the appearance of the artistes; and

(c) how the notices are sent?

**The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar):** (a) Once a year generally, and twice in certain years depending upon the need.

(b) Normally 15 days.

(c) By post, followed by telegrams if necessary.

#### HEADS OF INDIAN MISSIONS ABROAD

861. **Shri P. L. Kureel :** Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons appointed as heads of Missions in various countries in 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954 and 1955;

(b) how many of them were taken from services like I. C. S., I. A. S. and P. C. S. etc.,

(c) the number among these who were retired from military and other services; and

(d) the number who belonged to public life before their appointment?

**The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** (a) to (d). A statement is attached. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 43.]

#### RICE EXPORT TO PAKISTAN

**862. Shri Ramachandra Reddi:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of rice exported to Pakistan in the year 1955-56;

(b) the cost per ton at which it was exported (in Indian Rupees); and

(c) the ports and States from which it was exported?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry and Iron and Steel (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** (a) to (c). As far as information is available there was no commercial export of rice to Pakistan during the first eleven months of 1955-56. Information for the month of March, 1956 is not yet available.

#### STEEL PLANT FOR ANDHRA

**863. Dr. Rama Rao:** Will the Min-

ister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Government have requested the Central Government to establish a Steel fabricating factory in Andhra;

(b) what is the estimated cost of such a plant; and

(c) whether Government have taken any decision on the proposal?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry and Iron and Steel (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The cost will depend upon the capacity to be set up.

(c) No final decision has been taken on the Andhra Government's request, but for the present it is the intention to locate steel fabrication units as adjuncts to the steel plants which are being set up by the Government.

#### GOVERNMENT PRINTING PRESSES

**864. Dr. Satyawadi:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state names of the Government Printing Presses, strength of establishment and average output with expansion made every year since 1952?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri P. S. Naskar):** A statement is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 44.]