

**Community Development Artisan Co-operative Societies**

72. { **Sardar Iqbal Singh :**  
**Sardar Akarpuri:**

Will the Minister of **Community Development** be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of artisan co-operative societies formed and working in the Community Project and Extension Block areas in Delhi State and their total membership;

(b) what percentage of the total artisans of that area have come into this co-operative fold; and

(c) the main difficulties, if any, experienced in marketing those products and the steps taken to overcome them?

**The Minister of Community Development (Shri S. K. Dey) :** (a) The total number of artisan co-operative Societies is 40 and their membership is 595.

(b) About ten per cent.

(c) High cost in relation to quality is the main difficulty in the marketing of these products. The steps taken to overcome this difficulty are :—

(i) A Technical Officer has been appointed under the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Delhi to provide the necessary technical guidance;

(ii) Two Emporia, one run by the Government and the other by Indian Co-operative Union Ltd., arrange the sale of products of various Artisan Co-operative Societies. Besides, the Delhi State Handloom Depot, also run by the Government, arranges the sale of products of handloom societies.

**Punjab Regional Tourists Traffic Advisory Committee**

73. { **Sardar Iqbal Singh:**  
**Sardar Akarpuri:**

Will the Minister of **Transport** be pleased to state:

(a) the names of members of the Punjab Regional Tourists Traffic Advisory Committee; and

(b) the interest each of them represents?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) :** (a) Presumably the Honourable Member is referring to the Punjab Tourist Traffic Advisory Committee set-up by the Go-

vernment of the Punjab. The name of members according to the information available are as follows:—

1. Mr. Justice G.D. Khosla, I.C.S. Chairman.
2. Shri Saroop Krishen, I.C.S., Commissioner, Ambala Division.
3. Tourist Reception and Information Officer, Simla.
4. Shri V.D. Dev, Director of Information, Pepsu.
5. Shri P.R. Mahajan, Director, Public Relations and Tourism, Himachal Pradesh.
6. Shri Suraj Singh, General Manager, Himachal Pradesh Transport.
7. Shri Gurcharan Singh Dhillon, Deputy Transport Controller, Punjab.
8. Shri H. K. Dass, Managing Director, Metro Motors Ltd., Ambala.
9. Shri H.K. Nagpal, S.D.O., P.W.D., Kulu.
10. Shri D.C. Verma, Director, Public Relations Punjab Secretary.

(b) Since the Committee is set-up by the Government of Punjab, the details are being ascertained from that Government.

**All India Crop Competition**

74. { **Sardar Iqbal Singh:**  
**Sardar Akarpuri:**

Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state the number of States which have taken part in All India Level Crop Competition in 1956?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain) :** The Scheme of All India Level Crop Competition was dropped for the year 1956. No entry has, therefore, been entertained from any State.

**Technical Training Schools**

75. { **Sardar Iqbal Singh:**  
**Sardar Akarpuri:**

Will the Minister of **Community Development** be pleased to state:

(a) how many technical training schools have been opened in the Community Project and National Extension Service Block areas in Punjab and Delhi State during the last four years and how many persons have finished training;