

Machine Tools Mission

*651. **Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether a machine tools mission has gone to the United States to study the manufacture of machine tools factories there; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to send such mission in the near future?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Yes, Sir. A small team consisting of representatives of the machine tool industry had visited the U.S.A. and other countries towards the end of 1956

(b) Does not arise.

Art Decoration of Government Buildings

*652. **Shrimati Sucheta Kripalani:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some years ago the Government of India had decided to allocate some money for art decoration for Government buildings to be constructed;

(b) if so, which of such buildings have been decorated so far and the total amount spent for the purpose, and

(c) whether Government have any schemes to associate artists with architects from the very beginning of a building-plan?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The decoration in the office building for the Comptroller and Auditor General is in hand on which expenditure incurred so far is Rs. 6,750/-.

(c) Yes, Sir. A proposal to associate Artist(s) with the Architect in charge of the construction of a particular building is under consideration.

Broadcasting Station at Poona

*653. **Shri Goray:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state whether Government propose to have a more powerful broadcasting Station in Poona?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): The power of the Transmitter at Poona has already been raised from 1 KW to 5 KW. There is no present proposal to raise it further but this question will be considered when more funds become available and any expansion of the plan for broadcasting takes place.

पटसन के व्यापारी

*६५४ श्री नातिया क्या वास्तव्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने को क्या करेगा कि क्या यह सच है कि भारत के श्री व्यापारी पाकिस्तान में पटसन खरीदने में उनका काफी खयाल पाकिस्तान स्टेट बैंक तथा मन्त्रालय इत्यादि के कारण बाधा के लिय रोक लेता है, जबकि दूसरे देशों के व्यापारियों को पूर्ण-पूर्ण भुगतान कर दिया जाता है ?

वास्तव्य मंत्री (श्री कानूनगो) सरकार को ऐसा कोई खबर नहीं मिली है।

Rehabilitation Colonies of Delhi

*655. **Shri Brahm Prakash:** Will the Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government appointed any Committee sometime back to assess the civic needs in respect of sewage, drainage, water, roads, lights etc. in the Rehabilitation Colonies and Shopping Centres in Delhi;

(b) if so, the recommendations of this committee; and

(c) the steps Government have taken to implement the recommendations?

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

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 88.]

(c) Government is implementing such of the recommendations as have been accepted.

State Owned Industries in Rajasthan

*656. Shri M. D. Mathur: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether any factories have been established in the public sector in the State of Rajasthan during the First Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the names of the factories and their number;

(c) if the reply to part (a) is in the negative, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government propose to establish any factory in the public sector in Rajasthan during the Second Five year Plan?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). No major public sector factories were established in Rajasthan during the First Five Year Plan

(c) The location of industries in different parts of the country is determined by factors such as the availability of necessary raw-materials or other natural resources, power, water-supply and transport facilities in the region. When the establishment of a factory in the public sector is under consideration, the relative merits of various sites in the country are carefully weighed in the light of these factors and the most suitable site is selected in consultation with the technical experts for that particular project.

(d) Establishment of a Salt company in the Public Sector for development of sambhar salt, chemicals, sodium sulphate and bye-products is under active consideration. Also prospecting and surveying of Palna lignite deposits in Rajasthan is being considered.

पाकिस्तान से हरिजन

*६५७. श्री बाबरीको : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पाकिस्तान से कितने हरिजन अस्थायी परमिट ले कर भारत आये हैं ; और

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि वे भारत में बस जाना चाहते हैं ।

बैदेशिक कार्य जगन्नी (श्रीमती रुक्मिणी देवना) . (क) हाल के सालों में कोई नही ।

(ख) सबाल नही उठता ।

Employment of Agricultural Labour.

*658. Shri B. S Murthy: Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether any attempt has been made to assess the unemployed or underemployed amongst the agricultural labour; and

(b) if so, the agency for such assessment?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) and (b) Government conducted an All India Agricultural Labour Enquiry in 1950-51, and collected data on all essential aspects, such as, size of family, occupational structure, employment and unemployment, wages and earnings and indebtedness of agricultural labour families. A second All-India Agricultural Labour Enquiry is now being undertaken by the Ministry of Labour to bring up-to-date the data collected during the first enquiry.

Industrial Estates

*659. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) how many industrial estates have so far been sanctioned for the Punjab; and