

(iii) Khadi; and

(iv) other indigenous sources; and

(b) whether Government have laid down any policy in this regard?

**The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri K. C. Reddy):** A statement is furnished below:—

(a)

Year	* Cottage and Small Scale Industries	Khadi & Other indigenous Products sources	
(value in crores of rupees)			
1954-55	0.73	0.32	45.52
1955-56	2.23	1.18	72.46
1956-57	2.14	0.69	90.03

(b) Yes. Instructions have been issued to the effect that indigenous stores should be purchased as far as possible, and that for this purpose price preference in suitable cases, on merits may be allowed. Similarly, with a view to encouraging purchases from Small Scale Industries and Cottage Industries, price preference is permissible on merits, vide Resolution No. Pur-1.4(1) dated the 20th June, 1952 a copy of which is placed on the Table.

[See Appendix J, annexure No 48].

#### Unemployment

104. { Shrimati Ila Palchaudhuri:  
Shri S. M. Banerjee:  
Shri Sampath:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state the latest unemployment situation in the country in respect of educated persons and skilled and unskilled labour?

**The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali):** The number of unemployed persons registered with Employment Exchanges at the end of May, 1957 was 7,82,933 consisting of

59,136 skilled and semi-skilled workers, 4,01,264 unskilled workers and 3,22,533 others.

Among the total registered unemployed 2,35,946 were educated persons.

No other statistics are available regarding the unemployment situation.

#### Organisation and Methods Division

105. **Shri Maniyangadan:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state what is the strength of the Organisation and Methods Division of the Cabinet Secretariat as a whole and in each Ministry?

**The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** A statement showing the strength of the Organisation and Methods Division of the Cabinet Secretariat and of the O & M Units in each Ministry, as on 31st May, 1957 is placed on the Table [See Appendix I, annexure No 49]

#### Broadcasts in Tripura Language

106. **Shri Dasaratha Deb:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state.

(a) whether any arrangement has been made to broadcast in Tripura language from the Gauhati station of All India Radio;

(b) if so, how many personnel have already been recruited for that purpose,

(c) the items of programme that are being broadcast at present; and

(d) the steps that are being taken to recruit the best artists among the Tripura tribes?

**The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar):** (a) Yes, Sir, a fifteen-minute programme in Tripura language is broadcast daily from the Gauhati Station of All India Radio between 19-15 and 19-30 hours.

\*Separate figures for Cottage Industries and Small Scale Industries are not available.