

Commission in regard to the question of water rates. Replies received from some of the States show that water rates have either been revised upwards or their revision is under consideration.

- (b) No.
(c) No.

Coir Products

*416. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total sales through the show-room of the Indian Coir Board in Delhi from 1st January to 15th October, 1957; and

(b) whether similar depots and sales/show rooms are proposed to be opened in Calcutta and Bombay?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Rs. 48,754.

- (b) Yes, Sir.

Khaksars Threat to Enter India

*417. { **Dr. Ram Smbhag Singh:**
Shri Anirudh Sinha:
Shri Jadhav:
Shri Shivananjappa:
Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri V. C. Shukla:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government are aware of the Plan of Allama Mashriqi, Khaksar Leader of Pakistan, to march into India;

(b) whether he has been distributing posters and leaflets and recruiting volunteers in Pakistan for that purpose; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) The Government are aware of statements made from time to time by Allama Mashriqi announcing his intention of marching into India with volunteer Razakars.

- (b) Yes Sir.

(c) Protests have been lodged with the Government of Pakistan. Allama Mashriqi is believed to be in jail or detention at present in Pakistan.

Hosiery Industry, Ludhiana

*418. **Shri A. S. Sarbadi:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hosiery Industry at Ludhiana has complained about the non-availability of standard quality woollen yarn; and

(b) If so, the action taken in the matter?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) The Government of India have not received any specific complaint regarding the non-availability of good quality woollen yarn.

- (b) Does not arise.

Jute Products

*419. **Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and the value of Jute and Jute goods exported to the U.S.A. during 1956;

(b) whether any steps have been taken to increase it; and

(c) if so, the nature of the steps taken?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) Export of raw jute is banned. A quantity of 232,100 tons of jute goods worth about Rs. 33,69,00,000 was exported to the U.S.A.

(b) and (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 54].

News Bulletin

538. **Shrimati Mafta Ahmed:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some of the Foreign Embassies in India publish weekly/monthly News-bulletins in English dealing with their respective achievements?

and current topics and distribute free to the Members of Parliament; and

(b) whether the Indian Embassies attached to foreign countries also publish such bulletins?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) Government are aware that some Foreign Embassies in India publish their bulletins, but whether those are distributed free to Members of Parliament is not known to Government.

(b) Yes. Attention is invited to the answer given to the Starred Question No. 238 in the Lok Sabha on May 22, 1957.

राज्य भ्रम मंत्री सम्मेलन

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श्री राम शंकर लाल :
श्री संगमणा :
श्री ब० स० मूति :
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श्रीमती पार्वती कृष्णन :
श्री स० म० बनर्जी :
श्री लगामिया :

क्या भ्रम और रोजगार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) १५ और १६ अक्टूबर, १९५७ को नई दिल्ली में हुये राज्य भ्रम मंत्री सम्मेलन में किन किन मुख्य विषयों पर चर्चा की गई और निर्णय किये गये ; और

(ख) उनमें से किन निर्णयों की कार्यान्विति के लिये सरकार योजना बना चुकी है ?

भ्रम उपमंत्री (श्री आशिष बन्दी):

(क) और (ख). सम्मेलन में जिन मुख्य-मुख्य विषयों पर चर्चा की गई और जो निर्णय हुये हैं उसका विवरण सभा के पटल पर रखा जाता है ; निर्णयों की बांध की गई

है और बांध की कार्रवाई भी की जा रही है । [बेसिय परिशिष्ट २, अनुबंध संख्या ५५]

A.I.R.

540. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state the number of women who are serving at present in the All India Radio Stations all over the country?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): 288.

Nagas

541. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 150 on the 18th July, 1957 and state:

(a) the number of hostile Nagas who have since surrendered to Government up to the 30th November, 1957; and

(b) the number of arms surrendered by the hostiles since the beginning of this year up to the 30th November, 1957?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) 376 (up to the 16th November, 1957), including surrenders in the Naga Hills District.

(b) 163 arms of various types (up to the 16th November, 1957), including surrenders in the Naga Hills District.

Kashmir

542. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 158 on the 18th July, 1957 and state whether the Government have since received any reply from the United States of America regarding Mr. Dulles' Statement on Kashmir?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): No, Sir.