

Tungsten Carbide Tips are abundantly available in our country, and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken or propose to take to exploit these materials?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):  
(a) M/s Guest Ken Williams Ltd, Calcutta

(b) and (c) Sufficient quantities of Tungsten ore which is the main raw material for the manufacture of Tungsten Carbide Tips, are available in the country Government have recently issued a press note setting out the scope for the manufacture of Tungsten Carbide, emphasising therein that Government would welcome manufacturing schemes which would exploit the indigenously available Tungsten ore

#### Import of Paper

2547 Shri Chandak: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have evolved any policy for the import of paper on barter,

(b) will the Government allow import of paper against export of exportable cotton, and

(c) will the general trade be allowed to operate this policy or will it be restricted to the State Trading Corporation or the established importers?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):

(a) No, Sir

(b) Such proposals are considered on merits from time to time

(c) Such deals are generally routed through the State Trading Corporation.

#### Appointment of Officers in Publications Division

2548 { Shri H. N. Mukerjee:  
Shri Tangamani:

Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are a number of officers in the Publications Division who were appointed on *ad hoc* basis and have not yet been confirmed by the Union Public Service Commission;

(b) if so, what is their number and what are the posts held by them, and

(c) how long have such officers been holding their posts in the absence of approval from the Union Public Service Commission?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a), (b) and (c) There are no posts of officers in the Publications Division which are held without the approval of the Union Public Service Commission. In two cases, one of a Technical Assistant and the other of a Research Assistant, the date up to which the Union Public Service Commission had agreed to the provisional appointment, viz 31-12-1958 and 30-6-1958 respectively has expired and the matter is under correspondence with the Union Public Service Commission for replacement or continuation

#### Director, Publications Division

2549 { Shri H. N. Mukerjee:  
Shri Tangamani:

Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state

(a) what are the qualifications regarded by Government as essential for appointment to the office of Director, Publications Division, and

(b) whether appointment to the said office is made on the basis of advertisements and scrutiny of applicants by the Union Public Service Commission?