

Information about the index of profits for the two years in question is not available.

State Trading Corporation

1708. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some officers who have retired from the Government of India especially from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry have been appointed in the State Trading Corporation;

(b) whether such appointments have been made at the request of the Board of Directors of the State Trading Corporation or on the decision of the Ministry; and

(c) the number of retired officials drawing above Rs. 500 p.m. posted in the State Trading Corporation and the special reason in the case of each such officer?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) All officers except Directors are appointed at the instance of and by the State Trading Corporation.

(c) The number of retired officials drawing about Rs. 500 is 14. The appointment of such officers is mainly in consideration of their past administrative or Commercial and technical experience.

Export of Indian Handicrafts

1709. { **Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:**
Pandit D. N. Tiwari:

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

(a) whether there has been any appreciable increase in the export of Indian handicrafts during 1959 so far consequent on the setting up of Indian Handicraft Development Corporation in August, 1958; and

(b) if so, to what extent there has been increase in the export?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). The Indian Handicrafts Development Corporation Ltd. has been set up recently and it is yet too early to assess the impact of the various measures undertaken by it since its establishment in April, 1958, on the exports of Indian handicrafts. However, the comparative figures of exports of handicrafts during the years 1957, 1958 and 1959 mentioned below, will show that there has been an increase in the export of handicrafts during the year 1959.

Year	Exports (in Lakh of Rs.)
1957 (Jan-August)	429.3
1958 -do-	423.9
1959 -do-	481.00

Life Insurance Corporation

1710. **Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether Punjab has been allocated any funds by the Life Insurance Corporation for financing Middle Income Group Housing Scheme during 1959-60; and

(b) if so, the amount allocated?

The Deputy Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri Anil K. Chanda): (a) and (b). A sum of Rs. 14 lakhs has so far been allocated to the Government of Punjab, under the Middle Income Group Housing Scheme, during 1959-60, in addition to a similar sum of Rs. 14 lakhs already allocated to and drawn by the State Government in March 1959, for the year 1958-59.

Burmese Road through Indian Territory

1711. **Shri L. Achaw Singh:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the road from Tamu to Kalewa in Burma passes through an Indian enclave, 3 to 4 furlongs in length on the 22/23rd mile point; and

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken to demarcate the boundaries and divert the road from the Indian territory?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal