

factory for producing salt from the sea water in the Contai Sea coast area in West Bengal;

(b) if so, whether the plan has been finalised and approved by Government; and

(c) what is the plan out-lay of the project?

The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) to (c). No; Sir. The West Bengal Government are, however, examining a proposal to set up in the private sector a large scale salt factory for producing salt from sea water in the Contai sea coast area in West Bengal.

**Foreigners Employed in Indian
• Missions abroad**

*778. { **Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:**
Shri Krishna Deo Tripathi:

Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreigners employed at present in each of our missions abroad;

(b) the precise capacity in which each of such foreign employees is working; and

(c) the reasons for not replacing such foreigners by Indians?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) A statement is laid on the table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 1].

(b) Detailed information about the precise capacity in which each foreign employee is working in the Missions is being collected. Generally, such staff are employed as Assistants, Accountants, Stenographers, Clerks, Typists, Translators, Interpreters, Messengers (peons), Chauffeurs, Sweepers, Cleaners, Gardeners, Watchmen, Technical Assistants,

Showroom Managers, Receptionists, Telephone Operators, Librarians, Morse-Operators, Film-operators, Publicity Assistants and Handymen.

(c) The reasons for employing foreigners in our Missions abroad are mainly economic. Proficiency in the local languages, which is necessary for interpretation and maintaining local contacts also makes it necessary to employ foreigners in our Missions abroad. Wherever suitable Indian nationals are locally available, they are employed against these local posts.

**Houses for Central Government
Employees**

*779. **Shri Maheswar Naik:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent the demand for housing the Central Government employees has been met so far in the cities outside Delhi; and

(b) what is the future programme therefor?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri Mehr Chandra Khanna):

(a) The demand and availability of residential accommodation in the general pool outside Delhi is as indicated in para 2.1 of the Brief Notes of the Ministry of Works, Housing and Supply for the year 1961-62. Information regarding accommodation under the control of other Departments is not available in the Ministry of Works, Housing and Supply.

(b) It is proposed to construct 272 flats in Calcutta.

176 quarters are under construction at Bombay. The programme of construction of more quarters there has not yet been finalised.

There is no programme for construction of residential accommodation at Simla. Proposals for the construction of residential accommodation at Nagpur, however, are under consideration.