

(c) what is the total cut in the allotment for the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research and how the balance has been re-allocated to the major heads?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Labour, Employment and Planning (Shri L. N. Mishra): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). The questions do not arise.

C.P.W.D. Workers

*1040. **Shri Jadhav:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) what were the demands of the Central Public Works Department workers;

(b) how many of them have been conceded and what are they; and

(c) the amount per year that Government will have to spend in satisfying their demands?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 56.]

(c). There are about 14,000 members of various categories borne on the workcharged establishment of the C.P.W.D. stationed at various places in the country. It is rather difficult to assess precisely the financial implications of a large number of these demands. Where it is possible to do so, the time and labour involved may not be commensurate with the results.

Shortage of Technical Personnel

*1041. **Shri H. N. Mukerjee:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) what will be the shortage of technical personnel for various pro-

grammes of Development by 1960-61, as computed by the Engineering Personnel Committee of the Planning Commission, if present schemes of technical education are not appropriately expanded; and

(b) what steps are being taken to prevent the shortage?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Labour, Employment and Planning (Shri L. N. Mishra): (a) The shortage of technical personnel for various programmes of Development by 1960-61, as estimated by the Engineering Personnel Committee is of the order of 1,800 Graduates and 8,000 diploma holders, after taking into account the schemes of Technical Education in the Second Five Year Plan.

(b) Government have decided to expand the training capacity of 19 existing Engineering Colleges and 40 Polytechnics so as to obtain 2538 additional seats for degree courses and 4365 seats for diploma course. The question of establishing new institutions not provided for in the plan, is under consideration.

Trade with Muscat and Oman

*1042. **Shri Shree Narayan Das:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether any, if so, what kind of trade relations exist between India and the Government of Muscat and Oman; and

(b) whether trade between these two countries has suffered to any extent as a result of present disorders there?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) No Trade Agreement has been concluded between India and the States of Muscat and Oman. Some trade is carried on between India and these territories but the volume is small.

(b) It is too early to assess the effect of the trouble in Oman on our trade.