

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali):

EMPLOYERS' ORGANISATIONS

- 1 Employers Federation of India
- 2 All India Organisation of Industrial Employers
- 3 All India Manufacturers Organisation

WORKERS' ORGANISATIONS

- 1 Indian National Trade Union Congress
- 2 Hind Mazdoor Sabha
- 3 All India Trade Union Congress
- 4 National Federation of Indian Railwaymen
- 5 Post & Telegraph Employees' Union

Rationalisation in Cotton Mills

*285. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state

(a) how many labourers were retrenched during 1956-57 on account of rationalization in cotton mills of India, and

(b) how many retrenched labourers were absorbed?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali) (a) I presume that by rationalisation which is a wide term, the Honourable Member is referring to replacement of plain looms by automatic looms. No retrenchment has taken place in 1956-57 on this account.

(b) Does not arise.

Heavy Water Production

*286. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No 15 on the 14th May, 1957, and state whether any decision has since been taken regarding the production of Heavy Water at Sindh?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): No. A number of different

processes relating to the production of heavy water are at present under study at Sindh.

Rock Salt

*287. **Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state

(a) whether Government are aware that the price of rock salt imported from Pakistan has gone very high, and

(b) the reason for the high price of this variety of salt?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra):

(a) No rock salt has been imported from Pakistan since October, 1950.

(b) The question does not arise.

Fine Chemicals

166. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No 252 on the 27th May, 1957 and state the names of the Indian and foreign firms which propose to collaborate in the scheme to produce a large number of fine chemicals referred to in answer to part (i) of that question?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Morarji Desai): As the scheme has not yet been finalised and approved by Government, it is not considered appropriate to disclose the names of the Indian and foreign firms at this stage.

High Tension Insulators

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

(a) whether Government had received any application for the establishment of a new unit or for expansion of any existing unit for the production of High Tension Insulators, from the Government of the erstwhile