

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Labour and Employment and Planning (Shri L. N. Mishra):
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 106.]

(c) Certain minor irrigation works costing Rs. 15 lakhs have been approved.

Paper Mills

*818. **Shri Siddiah:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to lay a statement on the Table showing the progress made so far in regard to each of the paper mills licensed during the years 1955-56, 1956-57 and 1957-58?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra): A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 107.]

Ambar Charkha Programmes

*819. **Shri Goray:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to lay a statement on the Table showing:

(a) the number of Ambar Charkhas working in various States up to the 28th February, 1958;

(b) the total production of the yarn;

(c) the number of teachers, inspectors and supervisors appointed;

(d) the total amount spent by the Central Government on the Ambar Charkha programme during the years 1955-57; and

(e) whether a copy of the Report of the Committee appointed by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission to review the working of the Ambar Charkhas will be laid on the Table?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) 1,14,837 charkhas were working in various States as on the 31st January, 1958.

(b) 2.71 million lbs. (Upto the 31st January, 1958).

(c) The number of teachers, inspectors and supervisors appointed upto the 31st January, 1958 was as follows:

(i) Teachers:	..	4,742
(ii) Inspectors:	..	28
(iii) Assst. Inspectors:	..	32
(iv) Supervisors:	..	3,000

(d) During 1955-56 no Ambar Charkha Programme except a pilot scheme was implemented. An amount of Rs. 17.85 lakhs was spent on the pilot scheme. The expenditure of the Central Government in 1956-57 and 1957-58 on the Ambar Charkha Programme was as follows:—

Year	(In Lakhs of Rupees)	
	Grant	Loan
1956-57	118.40	193.22
1957-58 (upto 31-1-58)	85.08	359.66

(e) It is presumed that the Member is referring to the report of a Committee which the Khadi and Village Industries Commission had set up in 1957 to examine the organisation and methods of the Ambar Charkha Programme and make recommendations thereon. A copy of this report has been placed in the library of Parliament.

Cottage Industries

*820. **Shri Assar:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to develop some more cottage industries in Bombay State; and

(b) if so, the nature and location thereof?

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

(b) The details are given in the statement laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 108.]