

of the emporium when the rains stopped. Repairs to the damaged goods are in progress.

(c) The actual loss cannot be estimated till the repairs are over.

#### Activated Fullers Earth Factory

\*771. **Shri Karni Singhji:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether there is a proposal to promote indigenous industry for the production of Activated Fullers Earth in the Bikaner District of Rajasthan?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** At present there is no scheme under the consideration of the Central Government but the Rajasthan Government are getting pilot plant experiments carried out at the Regional Research Laboratory, Hyderabad, for the activation of Fullers Earth from Mudh and Shri Kolayatji.

#### All India Radio, Cuttack

\*773. **Shri B. C. Mullick:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the 20 KW. station of All India Radio at Fakirpara, Cuttack is not functioning properly; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to improve the performance of the transmitter of the 20 K.W. station?

**The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar):** (a) The breakdowns have been entirely due to the failure of power supply. The transmitter is otherwise functioning quite well.

(b) The question of power supply failure has already been taken up with the Electricity Department of the State of Orissa who have been asked to improve the supply position.

#### Export of Handicrafts

\*774. **Shri Pangarkar:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total value of handicrafts exported by the State Trading Cor-

poration of India (Private) Ltd. to the U.S.S.R. during 1958 so far; and

(b) the value of handicrafts proposed to be exported during 1959?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo):** (a) Rs 1,33,362.56 upto 31st July, 1958.

(b) Contracts for the year 1959 have not yet been finalized.

#### Paper and Paper Board

\*775. **Shri Subbiah Ambalam:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the annual requirements of paper and paper-boards in India;

(b) to what extent we are producing them in our country; and

(c) the rated capacity of the two new paper mills proposed to be constructed?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) About 290,000 tons.

(b) About 250,000 tons is expected to be produced during the current financial year (1958-59).

(c) It is not understood to which two paper mills the Member is referring Licences have been granted to 22 new units for the manufacture of paper with a total annual capacity of 184,096 tons.

#### Pakistan Propaganda Against India

\*780. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to refer to the reply given to the Starred Question No. 1321 on the 31st March, 1958 and state:

(a) whether the Government of India have received a reply from the Pakistan Government with regard to the protest lodged against the malicious propaganda indulged in by some newspapers in Pakistan against the High Commissioner of India in Pakistan; and

(b) if so the nature of the reply received?