

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) and (b). The details of the amount allocated for the improvement of cottage industries and the amount spent so far are shown in the statement laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha [See Appendix II, Annexure No. 24].

#### Industries in Punjab

439. Sardar Iqbal Singh: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent by the Punjab State Government out of the total allotments made by the Central Government for the development of various industries in that State during the First and Second Five Year Plan period; and

(b) the names of the industries and the places where these have been located?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House in due course.

#### Handicrafts

440. Shri Pangarkar: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether any handicrafts are being developed in Bombay under the guidance and patronage of the All India Handicrafts Board; and

(b) if so, how many persons have been employed and what is the average earning per head?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) Yes, Sir. On the recommendations of the All India Handicrafts Board, financial assistance has been sanctioned to the State Government of Bombay for implementation of various schemes for development of handicrafts. These cover the industries pertaining to pottery, dyeing and printing, mat-making, lacquerware, surat brocades, glass toys, decorative-cum-utility articles in

metalware, papier mache, fibre work, embroidery work and toys and dolls. These schemes envisage training, improvement in design and marketing etc. In addition, the All India Handicrafts Board is also conducting centres for development of selected handicrafts such as brocades, weaving, dolls, educational wooden toys, pottery, lacquerware and design development.

(b) In Centres directly under the control of the All India Handicrafts Board the position is as follows:—

- (i) Employment . . . 120 persons—65 being craftsmen and artisans.
- (ii) Average pay per head other than craftsmen . . . Rs. 165/- per month.
- (iii) Craftsmen and artisans . . . Rs. 4.75 per head per day on an average.

#### Village Housing Projects Scheme

441. Shri B. C. Mulla: Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to refer to the reply given to the Unstarred Question No. 2824 on the 25th September, 1956 and state:

(a) whether the state-wise allocation of funds for the Second Plan Period under Village-Housing Projects Schemes has been finalised after the reappraisal of the Plan;

(b) if so, what amount has been allocated under that Scheme to Orissa for the Second Five Year Plan; and

(c) the amounts drawn by the State Government of Orissa up to the end of 31st October, 1958 out of the allocation of Rs. 3 lakhs for the year 1958-59?

The Deputy Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri Anil K. Chanda): (a) and (b). The Planning Commission intend presenting a document before Parliament giving a fresh assessment of resources and outlays under the Plan. Thereafter, it will be possible to distribute the accepted provision for 'HOUSING' amongst the various housing schemes including the Village Housing Projects Scheme