

reply given to Starred Question No. 5 on the 17th November, 1958 and state:

(a) whether the Special Committee set up for making recommendations to the Central Government in regard to the rates of wages to be fixed for working journalists has since submitted its report;

(b) whether Government have taken any decision thereon; and

(c) if so, the main points of decision taken?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) No

(b) and (c) Do not arise

Shortage of Technical Personnel in the Country

*236. { Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri R. C. Majhi:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a meeting was held in September, 1958, in New Delhi to review the situation arising out of the shortage of technical personnel in the country with the representatives of the State Governments and the Centre,

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to meet the shortage of the technical personnel during the Second Five Year Plan,

(c) the total shortage of these personnel for the Second Five Year Plan; and

(d) the names of the States in which the shortage is most acute?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) No, the meeting in September, 1958 was one of the periodical meetings held for considering matters relating to the programme for the training of craftsmen

(b) Does not arise

(c) and (d) The exact shortage of technical personnel has not been ascertained.

Wet Mica Grinding Plant

*237. { Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:
Shri Ram Krishan:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scheme for setting up a wet mica grinding plant has been received from the Government of Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Government of India's approval of the scheme has been conveyed to Rajasthan Government

Social Security Scheme for Industrial Workers

*238. { Shri Ram Krishan:
Shri Rajendra Singh:
Shri N. Keshava:
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:
Shri Tangamani:
Shri Sarju Pandey:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Qazi Matin:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 659 on the 8th December, 1958 and state:

(a) whether Government have since received the report of the study group appointed to formulate a comprehensive Social Security Scheme for industrial workers;

(b) if so, the main recommendations; and

(c) whether Government have examined the same?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) Yes.

(b) Copies of the Report have been supplied to the Parliament Library

(c) The Report is under examination