

Employees' State Insurance Scheme

*1285 { Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri T. B. Vittal Rao.

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 950 on the 11th December, 1958 and state

- ✓ (a) whether the recommendation regarding the appointment of a Committee to review the working of the Employees' State Insurance Scheme has been examined, and
- (b) if so, the nature of the decision taken?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) The recommendation is under consideration

(b) Does not arise

Balance of Trade with East Africa

*1286 Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state

(a) what has been the balance of trade with East Africa,

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a possibility of increasing export of steel furniture to that country, and

(c) what steps have been taken by the Government of India in this connection?

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

(a) and (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House [See Appendix IV, annexure No 35]

(b) Yes, Sir

Government Publications

*1287 Shri A. M. Tariq: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No 822 on the 3rd December, 1958 and state what action Government have taken or proposes to take to

minimise the difference between expenses incurred on cost of production and money received from the sale of these publications?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr Keskar): The following are the measures, adopted as appropriate or in view to reduce expenditure and increase revenue in respect of the various journals brought out by this Ministry

- (i) Economy by reduction in the size of the journal use of cheaper paper, reduction of staff curtailment in use of costly items of production like colour blocks etc, and revision of the rates of payment to the contributors of articles etc to the journals
- (ii) Limitation of free distribution;
- (iii) Increase in the price
- (iv) Special drive to increase sales and to secure more advertisement, revision of advertisement tariff and liberalization of agency terms,
- (v) Improvement in the get-up etc. of the journals

Unemployment of Jute Mill Workers

*1289 { Shri Vajpayee
Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of jute mill workers are likely to be thrown out of employment in West Bengal as a result of the proposed ceiling of one and a half percent powerlooms from March 1, 1959,

(b) if so, the exact number of labourers involved, and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to find alternative employment for the workers?