

ders, a reply to our letter dated the 17th December, 1958, is still awaited from the United Nations Secretariat.

French Possessions

651. { Shri D. C. Sharma:
 Shri A. M. Tariq:
 Shri Chintamoni Panigrahi:
 Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
 Shri Shree Narayan Das:
 Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:
 Shri Assar:
 Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:
 Shri Raghunath Singh:
 Shri P. K. Deo:
 Shri Hem Raj:
 Shri Dinesh Singh:
 Shri N. R. Muniswamy:
 Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
 Shri Birendra Bahadur
 Singhji:
 Shri H. N. Mukerjee:
 Shri Tangamani:

Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 997 on the 22nd March, 1960 and state the up-to-date position regarding the *de jure* transfer of former French possessions in India?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): There has been no further progress in this matter and the ratification of the Treaty of Cession is still pending with the Government of France. No date for *de jure* transfer of the former French possessions in India has been fixed so far. However, Government continue to bring to the notice of the French authorities the desirability of effecting the *de jure* transfer at the earliest opportunity.

Production of Automobiles

1201. { Shri Pangarkar:
 Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the **Minister of Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state the number of cars, jeeps and trucks produced by the different automobile manufacturers during the first half of the year 1960?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): The number of cars, jeeps and commercial vehicles (Trucks and Buses) produced by the different automobile manufacturers during the first half of the year 1960 is as follows:—

Cars	9218
Jeeps	2314
Commercial vehicles.	3389

Import of Goods by S.T.C.

1202. Shri Pangarkar: Will the **Minister of Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) the total money spent by the State Trading Corporation on the import of goods during the first half of the year 1960; and

(b) the total value of exports of Indian goods handled by the Corporation during the same period?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Industrial Training Institutes

1203. Shri Pangarkar: Will the **Minister of Labour and Employment** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of industrial training institutes working in Maharashtra; and

(b) the present strength of trainees in those institutes?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) Nineteen (including one Vocational Training Centre for Displaced Persons).

(b) 2863 as on 30th June, 1960.

Manufacture of Ephedrin

1204. Shri P. K. Deo: Will the **Minister of Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Forest Research Institute has developed a new process