

interest in encouraging commercial utilisation of bagasse for newsprint manufacture has been and is still there and this project mentioned in (a) above is being envisaged on increasing use of bagasse along with imported wood pulp.

#### Quarters for Labourers in Delhi

\*881. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 876 on the 30th August, 1960 and state:

(a) the progress made so far in the scheme to construct quarters for the labourers in the Okhla Industrial Estate of Delhi; and

(b) if so, the target date for its completion?

**The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali):** (a) and (b). The Delhi Administration have taken over possession of land. The layout plan and the estimates are under preparation. No target date for the completion of the project has been fixed.

#### Pondicherry

\*882. { **Shri Tangamani:**  
**Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:**  
**Shri Hem Raj:**

Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pondicherry State Assembly was convened on the 29th October, 1960 with the Chief Commissioner's address;

(b) whether it is a fact that the opposition boycotted the inaugural meeting;

(c) if so, the reasons for the same;

(d) what is the present position regarding *de jure* transfer demanded by the resolution of the Assembly;

(e) whether there is a fall in the estimated expenditure for the current year; and

(f) if so, the reasons for the same?

**The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon):**  
 (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Leader of the Opposition and his party of 13 members did not attend the inaugural meeting. The rest of the 26 members, however, attended it.

(c) Presumably the demonstration was made to draw attention to certain demands that had been put forward to the Chief Commissioner. These related to the delay in the *de jure* transfer, certain changes in the French judicial system and certain other reforms.

(d) The ratification of the Treaty of Cession is pending with the Government of France, who are still considering the matter.

(e) As against the Budget Estimate of Rs. 343 lakhs, the Revised Estimate proposed is Rs. 331 lakhs.

(f) The present shortfall of 4 per cent due to certain unavoidable delays in construction work, is expected to be reduced to about 2 per cent by the end of the financial year.

#### Wool Tops

\*883. **Shri Rajendra Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the procedure followed by the Textile Commissioner in allocating wool tops to the spinning mills during the last three years; and

(b) the details of the allocations that have been made to the various mills?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo):** (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 36].