inferior quality of Chinese tyres and tubes has been received either by us or by State Trading Corporation.

All India Handicrafts Board

*24. Shri Hem Barua: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a seminar of the Eastern region of the All India Handicrafts Board on the development of handicrafts co-operatives held at Ranchi during September, 1960 has recommended that in each S.ate all primary handicrafts co-operative should be federated into one State marketing society to undertake the procurement and distribution of raw materials, secure orders and hold responsibility for quality control, market research, publicity and export etc.; and
- (b) if so, what is the reaction of Government to this suggestion?

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

(b) The recommendations of the All India Handicrafts Board on the suggestions made by the Regional Seminar on handicrafts co-operatures held at Ranchi in September, 1960, have not been received so far. These will be considered as and when these are received by Government.

Goan Political Prisoners in Portugal

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh
Shri Padam Dev:
Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri Ram Garib:

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

- (a) whether Government are aware that Shri Mohan Ranade, an Indian citizen, serving sentences in Goa Jail in connection with Goa Freedom Movement and several other political prisoners have been sent to Portugal; and
- (b) whether Government have received any information about their condition?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Snrimati Lakshmi Menon): (a) and (b). Government have seen reports in the press that Shri Mohan Ranade an Indian serving a sentence in jail in Goa and some Goan prisoners have been sent to Portugal. Government have no information in the matter but have asked the U.A.R. Government which looks after Indian interests in Portugal and the Portuguese possessions in India to institute immediate enquiries and to furnish whatever information is available. Naturally. Government view with concern any deportation of Indians and Goan political prisoners to prisons in Portugal.

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P.M.'s Visit to Pakistan

Shri P. G. Deb:

Shri S. A. Mehdi: Shri S. M. Banerjee: Shri D. C. Sharma: Shri Prakash Vir Shastri: Shri Nardeo Snatak: Shri Shree Narayan Das: Shri Radha Raman: Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Shri Subiman Ghose: Shri Supakar: Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: *26. Shri Sadhan Gunta: Shri P. K. Deo: Shri Bishwanath Roy: Shri Rameshwar Tantia: Shri Sarju Pandey: Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: Shri M. B. Thakore: Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi: Shri Wodeyar: Shri Aurobindo Ghosal: Shri Assar: Shri Hem Barua: Shri Hem Raj:

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

- (a) what were the subjects discussed during his visit to Pakistan in the 3rd week of September, 1960;
- (b) whether Kashmir was discussed; and

(c) whether the questions of joint defence and construction of Mangla Dam were also discussed?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): (a) Our discussions were generally and broadly concerned with Indo-Pakistan financial and borders questions, evacuee moveable property, cooperation between India and Pakistan on scientific and technical matters, exchange of information on projects for utilizing water resources of the common rivers in India and East Pakistan, trade, development schemes and current international questions. A. copy of the joint communique issued in Lahore on September 23, 1960, on the conclusion of my five-day visit to West Pakistan, is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 51.

(b) We had a frank and friendly discussion about Kashmir in which each side put forward its views. While the discussion did not lead to any precise result, both of us were anxious that the question should be solved.

(c) No.

राजघाट पर महात्मा गांची स्मारक

क्या निर्माण, प्रावास श्रीर संभरण मंत्री २५ श्रगस्त, १९६० के तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या ७६१ के उत्तर के संबंध में यह बत की कृपा करेंगे कि राजधाट पर महात्मा गांधी का स्मारक बनाने के प्रश्न के संबंध में, जिस पर विचार किया जा रहा था, इस बीच क्या प्रगति हुई है ?

निर्माण, ग्रावास तथा संभरण उपमंत्री (श्री ग्रनिल कु० चंदा) : लट्टेदार नींचों पर हो रहा काम पूरा हो चका है । ग्रांगन के चारों ग्रोर की पुश्ता दीवार के नीचे, ग्रांगन में प्रवेश के मार्गों के सिवाय, सर्दल भी रखे जा चके हैं। प्रवेश मार्गों पर सर्दल रखने का काम मिट्टी की भराई के बाद ही, जिसकी दिसम्बर, १९६० के तीसरे सप्ताह तक पूरा हो जाने की ग्राशा है, शुरू किया जा सकेगा, दीवार की चिनाई ग्रीसतन तीन फुट की ऊंचाई तक हो चुकी है। दीवार के सामने की ग्रोर पत्थर लगाने का काम शुरू हो गया है।

Indian Army men in Congo

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri Rajendra Singh:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:
Shri Indrajit Gupta:

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

- (a) the number of Indian armymen sent to Congo to work with the U.N. force there;
- (b) whether Government have received further message from U.N. asking for more men to work there with the U.N. force; and
- (c) if so, nature of action taken in this regard?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) Six hundred and ninety-three.

- (b) A further request for ten medical personnel and 15 Military police personnel was received on 27th October
- (c) The Military police personnel have already been despatched. The Medical personnel are also being made available.