

to the reply given to Starred Question No. 8 on the 1st August, 1960 and state:

(a) whether Government have since considered the proposal to hold an International Film Festival in India; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) and (b). The proposal to hold an International Film Festival in India in October-November, 1961 is still under consideration.

Prices of Drugs

***42. Shri Yadav Narayan Jadhav:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of imported drugs have suddenly gone up;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to check the rise in prices?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) No, Sir. No sudden rise in the prices of imported drugs has come to the notice of the Government.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Workcharged Establishment of C.P.W.D.

1. Shri Tangamani: Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts in each category on the workcharged establishment in the Central Public Works Department on the 1st April, 1960;

(b) the number of such posts as were permanent;

(c) the number of such posts as were temporary or semi-permanent; and

(d) the number of temporary or semi-permanent posts which have been in existence for a continued period of not less than three years?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) A statement showing the required information is laid on the Table. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 6].

(b) 3,839.

(c) The number of temporary posts on 1st April, 1960 was 9645. There are no semi-permanent posts. However, persons are granted semi-permanent status after two years' continuous service. This entitles them to some restricted leave concessions.

(d) Information regarding number of temporary posts which have been in existence for three years or more is being collected.

Workcharged Staff of C.P.W.D.

2. Shri Tangamani: Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 220 on the 17th February, 1960 and state:

(a) whether the seniority list of the workcharged staff of the Central Public Works Department has been prepared; and

(b) if not, the time that would be taken to prepare the list?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) and (b). The seniority lists for purposes of confirmation are under preparation. It is expected that the lists will be completed soon. Selection of persons for confirmation is, however, going on to the extent the lists are ready.