

### Indo-Japan Peace Treaty

\*1372. { Shrimati Tarkeshwari Saha:  
Shri Bishwanath Roy:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to extend the provisions of Article 2 of the Indo-Japan Peace Treaty of 1952 beyond the 30th September, 1957?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): The possibility of concluding a trade agreement before September 30th is under active discussion with the Government of Japan. The question of extending the provisions of Article 2 of the Indo-Japan Peace Treaty of 1952 for a further period does not arise at this stage.

### Export of Iron Ore to Japan

\*1375. Shri Ganpati Ram: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total supply of Iron ore to be made to Japan, the quantity already supplied and the reasons for the delay in supplying the rest of the quantity; and

(b) whether Government are considering any steps to fulfil the commitment in time?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) and (b). The State Trading Corporation has entered into an agreement for the supply of 1.3 million tons of iron ore to Japan during the period July 1957—March 1958. The supplies under the Agreement commenced from July 1957. Recently, at the Japanese request the period of deliveries has been extended upto the end of June 1958. A total quantity of 120593 tons has been shipped upto the 25th August, 1957. Considering Seasonal difficulties, the deliveries hitherto have not been unsatisfactory. The State Trading Corporation are receiving necessary assistance from the Ministries of Railways and Transport and are confi-

dent of delivering the contracted quantities before June, 1958.

### Industrial Estate

\*1382. Shri Maniyangadan: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state at what stage is the Industrial Estate proposed to be started at Pappanamcode in Kerala State?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): 8 acres of land has been acquired for the proposed Estate. Acquisition proceedings for another 20 acres are in progress. 10 workshops are completed and occupied. 20 more sheds are nearing completion.

### Under-Employed Persons

\*1388. Shri Damani: Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of under-employed persons is on the increase; and

(b) the number of under-employed persons in the country as on the 30th June, 1957?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Labour and Employment and Planning (Shri L. N. Mishra): (a) and (b). The National Sample Survey is carrying out investigations for gauging the extent of the problem but no estimates are available as yet.

### Supply of Shoes to Russia

\*1394. Shri B. S. Murthy: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1016 on the 21st August, 1957 and state the value of the contract executed by the units in the cottage industries sector in connection with the supply of shoes to Russia?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): Contracts for the supply of shoes worth Rs. 85,75,000/- were placed with the cottage industry units. Shoes worth Rs. 38,55,075/- have been supplied by these units.