

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

INDIAN MILITARY MISSION IN NEPAL

*1319. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** (a) Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the **Working Committee** of the **Nepalese Congress** have demanded the withdrawal of the **Indian Military Mission** which has been in **Kathmandu** at the request of the **Government of Nepal**?

(b) If so, do **Government** contemplate to withdraw the said **Mission**?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shri Anil K. Chanda): (a) **Government** have seen press reports about this.

(b) No. The mission was sent in April 1952 at the request of the **Government of Nepal** and, according to all accounts, has done good work, which has been greatly appreciated by the **Government of Nepal**.

BISCUITS

*1323. **Shri Buchhikotah:** Will the **Minister of Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state what is the total annual productive capacity of the biscuit factories in India?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): The annual installed capacity of organised factories is estimated at about 40,000 tons.

RELAY OF BANNED CINEMA SONGS

*1335. **Shri Balwant Sinha Mehta:** (a) Will the **Minister of Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state whether it is a fact that cinema songs which are banned here, are relayed from other foreign countries and especially from Ceylon?

(b) If so, what steps are taken to check this practice?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) There are no relays from foreign countries, but it has been noticed that in the broadcasts of Ceylon, Goa and Pakistan Radios, there are sometimes film songs not included in or excluded from All India Radio's programme.

(b) The **Government of India** are not in a position to suggest to **Radio organizations** of other countries what types of broadcasting material should be used in their programmes.

IRON-ORE EXPORT TO JAPAN

*1336. **Shri C. R. Narasimhan:** (a) Will the **Minister of Commerce and**

Industry be pleased to state whether **Government** have renewed negotiation with **Japan** for the export of **Indian Iron-ore** to that country?

(b) If so, what is the export quota fixed?

(c) Will there be a State-wise distribution of the export quota?

(d) Has the proposal of magnification and briquetting of the vastly available magnetite ores of Salem been brought to the notice of **Government** in this connection?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

BURMA EVACUEES

*1339. { **Shri Rajagopala Rao:**
Shri K. Subrahmanyam:

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

(a) whether the **Government of India** have received any report from the **Government of Madras** about the steps taken by that **Government** to ameliorate the condition of **Burma evacuees** settled in **Vizagapatnam** and **Srikakulam Districts**; and

(b) if not, whether **Government** have made any enquiry into the steps taken by the **Madras Government** in this direction?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shri Anil K. Chanda): (a) and (b). Yes; a recent report states that most of the evacuees have now settled down in their villages. Many are earning their livelihood by seasonal agricultural labour, and some of those in coastal villages by fishing. Skilled workers are returning to **Burma**, and many of the ex-**Burma Railway** employees have been absorbed by the **Indian Railways**. Spinning and weaving co-operative societies have been established, and financial assistance and capital advances have been given to them to facilitate their rehabilitation.

IMPORT OF BOOKS

1040. **Shri Balwant Sinha Mehta:** Will the **Minister of Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state the total value of books imported from foreign countries and the number thereof?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): A statement showing the quantity and value of books and printed matter imported during the