

Station, Khadakwasla near Poona is under the consideration of Government; and

(b) what is the expense involved in testing the models at Teddington in England?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The expenses of testing a model at Teddington in the United Kingdom vary considerably depending on the type of the shiptested, the range of speed for which it is tested and the alterations required to be made. A statement showing the fees charged at Teddington for the testing of models is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 52.]

TRADE PACT WITH WEST GERMANY

*775. **Shri N. L. Joshi:** Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state the terms of the trade pact with West Germany?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): The text of the renewed trade arrangement between India and Western Germany has not so far been received. Copies of the trade arrangement will be placed in the Library of the House as soon as possible.

SALT

*776. **Shri Morarka:** Will the Minister of **Production** be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the decline in production in the Rajputana Salt Sources Division; and

(b) the steps that are proposed to restore full production?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 53.]

INFLUX OF PAKISTANIS

*788. { **Shri Gidwanl:**
Shri B. K. Das:
Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:
Shri Ramānanda Das:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Pakistani Muslims from East Pakistan have crossed the border to the Indian Union without passports during the period August 1953 to January, 1954; and

(b) if so, what is their number?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shri Anil K. Chanda): (a) and (b). Yes. The exact number of such persons is, however, not known.

LIQUID GOLD

*789. **Shri S. C. Singhal:** (a) Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state whether liquid gold is being manufactured in India for local consumption?

(b) Is it a fact that liquid gold is also being imported into India?

(c) What quantity has been imported within the last three years?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Yes, Sir, to a limited extent.

(b) The reply is in the affirmative.

(c) Precise information is not available, as this item is not specifically shown in the Indian Customs Returns.

TEA PRICES IN ASSAM

*790. **Shri L. Jogeswar Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the price of different kinds of loose tea in the local market of Gauhati has gone up from 12 to 14 annas per pound during the first week of February, 1954?

(b) Has there been a similar rise in price of tea in other parts of Assam and adjoining States like Manipur and Tripura?