

**Sardar Hukam Singh:** What is the probable number of these properties? Has that been assessed?

**Shri J. K. Bhonsle:** Yes, Sir. Last year, we authorised the sale of about five thousand such properties, roughly.

**Sardar Hukam Singh:** I wanted the total number of such uneconomic properties. Has that been assessed by the Rehabilitation department?

**Shri J. K. Bhonsle:** No, Sir. The cost has not been assessed.

**Sardar Hukam Singh:** What is the excess received in auction over the value assessed by the department?

**The Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri A. P. Jain):** We do not maintain any such figures.

#### HAND-MADE PAPER

\*682. **Shri Dabhi:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply to starred question No. 1306 asked on the 25th March, 1954 and state:

(a) whether it is the policy of Government to encourage hand-made paper industry;

(b) if so, to what extent and in what way;

(c) the quantities of different kinds of hand-made paper produced in the country during the years 1951-52, 1952-53 and 1953-54; and

(d) the names of the centres where hand-made paper is manufactured?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):**

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). The information asked for is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 36.]

**Shri Dabhi:** May I know how many Ministers of the Central Government use stationery made from hand-made paper in their offices and to what extent?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** I have no information.

**Shri Bansal:** May I know if it is the policy of Government to encourage the manufacture of art paper and newsprint by hand-made process in the country?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** In regard to art paper, I do not know if it is a possibility. We have not exercised our mind in that regard. In regard to newsprint, it is a definite impossibility and we do not propose to exercise our mind on that matter.

#### SHIFTING OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES

\*683. **Shri K. P. Sinha:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state what steps have so far been taken in the matter of shifting some Government offices from Delhi this year?

**The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Sardar Swaran Singh):** The accommodation available at various stations has been surveyed with reference to the requirements of some offices which do not form an integral part of Secretariat and which *prima facie* could be shifted out of Delhi, and an Officer on Special Duty has been exploring, in consultation with the Ministries concerned, the possibility of shifting these offices to out-stations. I am afraid, however, so far not much success has attended these efforts.

**Shri K. P. Sinha:** By what time is it expected that the officer will finish his duties?

**Sardar Swaran Singh:** Actually, so far as the work of the officer is concerned, it is not difficult for him to finish an examination of the problem, but as to what success will crown his efforts is a difficult question for me to answer, because there is quite a volume of opinion that it would be difficult to shift offices outside Delhi in any considerable number.

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