

(c) whether any progress has been achieved in the sector of small-scale industries since this assistance has been granted; and

(d) whether Government contemplate to take any other steps to encourage the development of small-scale industries?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Hitherto, the Central Government have given assistance only to Part C States under the State Aid to Industries (Centrally Administered Areas) Model Rules, 1949. In most Part A and B States, arrangements exist for providing financial and other assistance to cottage and small-scale industries under various State Aid to Industries Acts or non-statutory Rules by the State Governments themselves.

(b) It is understood that most of the State Governments have made provision for financial and other assistance to the small-scale industries in their current year's budgets.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir.

TANNING INDUSTRY IN TRIPURA

***307. Shri Dasaratha Deb:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government contemplate to start tanning industry in Tripura;

(b) if so, what are its prospects in Tripura; and

(c) the estimated amount that would be spent on this industry in Tripura?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) to (c). The Government of Tripura have a scheme for imparting training in Tanning and they expect the individuals so trained to develop the Tanning Industry, individually or on a co-operative basis.

DISPLACED PERSONS IN MANIPUR

***315. Shri Rishang Keishing:** Will the Minister of Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of displaced persons from East Pakistan have recently arrived in Manipur;

(b) if so, their total number;

(c) the measures that Government have taken for their rehabilitation; and

(d) the number of skilled workmen among them?

The Deputy Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri J. K. Bhonsle): (a) to (d). The required information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

DIESEL ENGINES

***317. { Shri A. K. Gopalan:
Shri V. P. Nayar:**

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the very low percentage of production of the installed capacity in diesel engines; and

(b) how many diesel engines have been bought by the Central Government during the year 1953-54 and how many of these are manufactured in India?

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

(a) The low production of diesel engines in the past was due to poor off-take of indigenous engines. The position has since changed considerably and indigenous production is gradually going up.

(b) 299 engines were purchased during 1953-54, of these 207 were indigenous.