

CENTRAL MARKETING ORGANISATION

*604. **Shri S. N. Das:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme for setting up of the Central Marketing Organisation for facilitating and developing the marketing of cottage industries products both in India and abroad has been finalised and has been put in operation;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) how it will be financed?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 26.]

DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR JUTE INDUSTRY

*608. **Shri B. K. Das:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken for setting up a Development Council for the jute industry; and

(b) whether the personnel of the Council has been decided upon?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) and (b). Government do not consider it necessary at present to set up a Development Council for the jute industry.

INDIANS EMPLOYED IN FOREIGN EMBASSIES IN INDIA

*609. **Shri Ibrahim:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians employed in the Foreign Embassies and Legations at New Delhi;

(b) whether Government have received any representation from them regarding the unsatisfactory terms and conditions of services offered to them; and

(c) if so, the action Government propose to take in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shri Anil K. Chanda): (a) A statement showing the number of Indians employed by Foreign Missions in New Delhi has been placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 27.]

(b) and (c). No, Sir.

SIKH PILGRIMS TO PAKISTAN

*610. **Shri Gidwani:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Pakistan Government did not give permission this year to a batch of Sikh pilgrims to visit Gurdwara Nankana Sahib, the birth-place of Guru Nanak in West Pakistan?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shri Anil K. Chanda): The Pakistan Government gave permission for the visit of 250 Sikh pilgrims to Gurdwara Nankana Sahib, which was to take place from the 8th to the 11th November, 1954. This was sponsored by the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee, Amritsar. Their permission was, however, received by the Indian High Commissioner in Karachi on the 1st November, i.e. only 7 days before the date on which the pilgrimage was due to commence.

In view of the shortness of notice, the Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee stated that they were unable to finalise the arrangements for the pilgrimage, which had accordingly to be cancelled.

भारत और पानन के बीच दूतावासों की स्थापना

*६११. श्री एस० एन० दास : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या भारत और पानन सरकारों के बीच दोनों देशों के बीच राजनीतिक सम्बन्ध स्थापित करने के लिये कोई बातचीत चल रही है ?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shri Anil K. Chanda): No such negotiations are taking place.