

## RETAIL CLOTH DEALERS

\*1057. **Shri Dhasiya:** (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state what is the total number of licences issued to retail cloth dealers at present in Delhi?

(b) Is it a fact that in the months of February and March 1952 about 1800 retail dealers' licences have been cancelled and if so, on what grounds?

**The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar):** (a) 2746.

(b) No.

## DAMODAR VALLEY PROJECT

\*1058. **Shri N. P. Sinha:** Will the Minister of Planning and River Valley Schemes be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Damodar Valley Project is going to be completed within the time originally stipulated;

(b) whether any dam, out of the proposed eight, has been completed so far;

(c) how many families have been displaced on account of the operation of the Damodar Valley Scheme so far;

(d) how many are likely to be displaced by the time it is completed; and

(e) whether the displaced persons have been rehabilitated?

**The Minister of Finance (Shri C. D. Deshmukh):** (a) The first phase of the Damodar Scheme is scheduled to be completed by 1955. Every endeavour will be made to adhere to the target date.

(b) The first phase of the Scheme includes construction of four dams only viz. Tilaiya, Konar, Maithon and Panchet Hill. Of these Tilaiya will be completed this year and Konar next year.

(c) 81 families have been displaced so far.

(d) 10,000 families are likely to be affected by all the 8 dams and the Thermal Power Station.

(e) The answer is in the affirmative.

**Shri N. P. Sinha:** May I ask if the Corporation proposes to hand over charge of rehabilitation to the State Government of Bihar as suggested by the Estimates Committee in its 8th report?

**Shri C. D. Deshmukh:** This and the other recommendations of the Estimates Committee are under consideration.

**Shri N. P. Sinha:** May I also ask how much land in Bihar is likely to be irrigated by the project when completed?

**Shri C. D. Deshmukh:** I would like notice of that question.

**Prof. Agarwal:** May I know what are the latest estimates of the D.V.C.?

**Shri C. D. Deshmukh:** I think the whole matter will come up for discussion later this morning. I will only say it is round about Rs. 90 crores.

**Shri B. K. Das:** May I know whether the original target date was fixed at five years after beginning the work and not 1955? Is it a fact that this target date of 1955 has been fixed later?

**Shri C. D. Deshmukh:** I should like to have notice as to the exact date given in the original estimates.

## WAGONS FOR LOADING COAL

\*1059. **Pandit D. N. Tiwari:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

(a) the total annual requirements of wagons for loading coal in collieries of Bihar;

(b) the number of wagons indented by various collieries of Bihar in 1951-52; and

(c) the number of wagons actually supplied in 1951-52?

**The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy):** (a) 854,918 wagons on the basis of production from Bihar Collieries in 1951-52.

(b) Wagon indent figures are not maintained separately for Bihar fields only.

(c) 738,815 wagons on the basis of total despatches from the Bihar fields during 1951-52.

**Pandit D. N. Tiwari:** May I know how many wagons were booked to North Bihar?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** I am sorry, Sir, I have no figures for North Bihar separately.

## TRADE BETWEEN KASHMIR AND CHINESE TURKESTAN

\*1060. **Shri Ghulam Qader:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any likelihood of trade between Kashmir and Chinese Turkestan and Tibet being resumed in the near future :

(b) whether any negotiations have been carried on in the matter;

(c) the number of Indian traders at present in Chinese Turkestan and Tibet; and

(d) what is the value of goods belonging to Indian traders in these places?

**The Prime Minister (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** (a) to (d). Trade with Tibet is being carried on in the normal way by Indian traders, whose seasonal moves to that country take place only in summer time.

Indian trade with Chinese Turkestan has suffered considerably by the virtual closing down of our Consulate General in Kashgar. Because of unfavourable local conditions most of the Indian traders there have returned to India after winding up their businesses in Sinkiang. Negotiations with the Chinese Government for the reopening of our Consulate General in Kashgar are continuing. So long as this Consulate General is not reopened, the prospects of resuming trade with Chinese Turkestan in the near future are not bright.

The value of goods belonging to Indian traders in these countries is not known.

شری غلام قادر : کیا ہندوستان کے تاجروں کو چینلر ترکستان میں کچھ نقصان پہنچا ہے ؟

[**Shri Ghulam Qadar:** Have the Indian traders suffered any losses in Chinese Turkestan.]

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**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** May I know if Chinese Turkestan is under a Communist Government and if it is a fact that it is under that Government whether there is any possibility of trade being opened up in the near future?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** Chinese Turkestan is under the People's Government of China. Normally Governments are described by their proper names and not by adjectives—hon. Member can describe it as he likes. We have every intention of dealing with the Chinese People's Government in every way.

**Shri G. P. Sinha:** The Prime Minister said that the Indian traders had to face unfavourable conditions. May I know what are the unfavourable conditions that prevail there?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** Well, during the last year or two in those parts of Sinkiang conditions had not been always stable and there have been all kinds of difficulties in the way of trade. It is rather difficult to answer it in a few sentences.

**Shri Punnoose:** Did the hon. Prime Minister mean that some sorts of discrimination was shown particularly against the Indian traders by the Chinese Government?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, order. It does not arise.

**Shri Punnoose:** It does arise, Sir,...

**Mr. Speaker:** It does not. We are not concerned with what the attitude of the Chinese Government was.

**Shri Punnoose:** I want to know whether there was any unfavourable or discriminatory treatment against the Indians.

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** May I answer that, Sir. It just became difficult for them to trade.

#### PAKISTAN RAIDS ON KASHMIR BORDER

\*1061. **Shri Ghulam Qader:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the number of raids carried out by Pakistanis during 1951-52 on the Jammu and Kashmir border;

(b) how many of these were carried out on the Jammu side and how many on the Kashmir side and the extent of loss in human life, property and livestock suffered by the affected areas; and

(c) what steps, if any, have been taken to prevent the recurrence of these raids?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Shri Satish Chandra):** (a) From January 1, 1951 to June 1, 1952, 45.

(b) 43 on the Jammu side and 2 on the Kashmir side.

**Loss of human life:**

**Killed:** 4 Other Ranks, and 4 civilians.

**Wounded:** 11 Other Ranks, 2 J. and K. Policemen and 4 civilians.

**Loss of property:** Cash besides ornaments, house-hold utensils, etc. worth approximately Rs. 6,615 were looted.